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Planned air attack from bases in Lebanon

By YITZHAK SHARGIL

TEL AVIV [JTA] —
Defense Minister Shimon Peres said that Israel's air strikes against terrorist strongholds in northern and southern Lebanon last week were a preventive action undertaken on the basis of accurate intelligence that murder and sabotage missions against Israel were being planned at those bases.

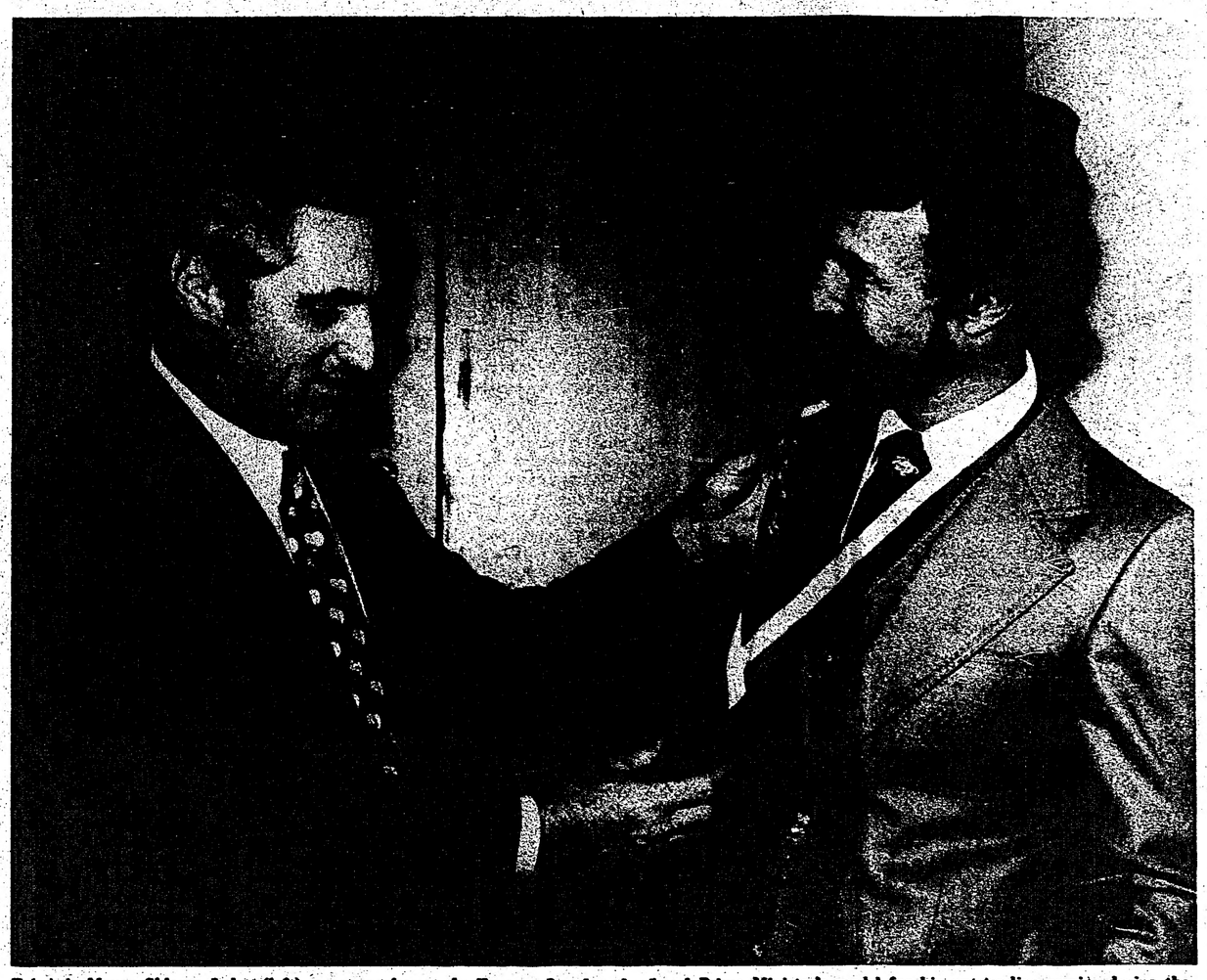
A military communique claimed that Israeli bombers scored direct hits on the headquarters of the Syrian-sponsored Al Saiqa terrorist organization near Nabatiyeh in southern Lebanon, killing a number of terrorists and demolishing the headquarters. Another direct hit was scored on a parking lot where a large number of vehicles belonging to terrorist organizations were destroyed or damaged, the communique said.

The air attack near Tripoli in northern Lebanon was aimed against headquarters of George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and other terrorist organizations located there, Israel said. While acknowledging that a schoolhouse was demolished at Nabatiyeh, Israel claimed the building was no longer used as such but served as Al Saiqa headquarters.

Israel's communiques were apparently in response to Lebanese claims that the air attacks killed up to 100 civilians in Palestinian refugee camps and wounded a similar number. Israel insisted that the action was not ordered in retaliation for the recent murder of three Israeli students by terrorist infiltrators at the Golan Heights settlement of Ramat Magshimim or to mollify public opinion at home in view of the recent series of anti-Zionist and pro-Palestinian resolutions in the UN.

In Washington, state department sources appeared to accept Israel's contention that yesterday's air raids on sites on northern and southern Lebanon were aimed at installations from where it is well-known that terrorist groups launch attacks against Israel. The sources noted two recent terrorist attacks — the murder of three Israeli students at Ramat Magshimim on the Golan Heights and the Zion Square bombing in Jerusalem last month which took seven lives.

The department sources' agreement with Israel in effect that the air strikes were preventive measures aimed at thwarting terrorist assaults against Israel was expressed as Lebanese authorities claimed that the Israeli raids struck refugee camps killing and wounding large numbers of civilians.



Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat (left), guest speaker at the Toronto Israel Bonds Chanukah Festival, presents Campaign Chairman Herb Green with the Israel Prime Minister's medal for his outstanding service during the 1975 campaign. Festival this year took place at Beth Tikvah. (Hausman)

10,000 family purchasers expected

Israel Bonds collects $9.5 million in cash

TORONTO —
Outgoing Israel Bonds Campaign Chairman Herb Green, told a crowd of 1,600 at the annual Chanukah Festival for Israel held at Beth Tikvah Synagogue last week, that this year's cash collection — now at $9.5 million — was hampered by Metro's recently concluded postal strike.

He disclosed that $15 million has been pledged to date, while $13 million in cash is expected to be collected by the close of 1975. Convinced that the balance of pledges would be honored in the new year, he expressed his gratitude for Toronto Jewry's "indestructable solidarity with Israel's cause."

This year's expected cash total of $13 million parallels figures achieved in 1974, although it falls short of the unofficial target of $23 million set for both years. This year's pledges are down $3 million from last year's total. Bonds spokesmen explain that the sluggish state of the Canadian economy and the world recession have made a target sum difficult to project.

As of Dec. 1, over 6,000 Toronto families had purchased Israel Bonds, and according to Bonds officials that total is anticipated to expand to 10,000.

Commenting on other campaign achievements, Green added that the women's division, under the leadership of Toba Lipman, had raised $3,192,000 to date — a slight edge over last year's sum. The Toronto Israel Prime Minister's Club, he said, has enrolled 80 purchasers of $25,000 or more in Israel Bonds.

Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat, the evening's guest speaker, said Israel's defence budget, a "necessary evil" depleting 50% of the country's financial resources, has seriously strained social and economic programs in the country.

While concerned with present political and security threats, the former chief of the Sinai armed forces stressed the economic and educational gaps between Sephardim and Ashkenazim has reached crisis proportions and threatens to weaken the entire social fabric of his country.

"The split of Israeli society into two parts has jeopardized our existence in an Arab world," he remarked.

Diaspora funds must bolster programs to ameliorate dire social and housing conditions, or Israelis will be forced to emigrate in large numbers, he told the audience. Tel Aviv, he noted, suffers from a grave housing shortage, with one-third of its 360,000 citizens living under substandard conditions.

In a short statement following his address, Lahat expressed dismay that Israeli diplomacy has seriously been strained by the decision of the UN Security Council to grant the PLO observer status in Mideast talks.

The former general affirmed the Israeli government would not join in peace negotiations with Palestinians, who have confirmed through terrorist acts their avowed denial of his state's right for existence.

Earlier in the evening, Lahat was guest of honor at the first Tel Aviv-Toronto Friendship Dinner, where he delivered an address to top-level Bonds supporters.

Jews must take lead fighting anti-Zionism, conference concludes

By TOBA KORENBLUM
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —
Current events have taught Diaspora Jewry it can no longer sit idle in the face of the Arab propaganda assault, says Canadian Jewish Congress President Sydney Harris.

Returning from an emergency conference of world Jewish leaders convened by Premier Rabin in Jerusalem last week, Harris reported the conference agreed the global Jewish community must take the initiative in combatting anti-Zionist sentiment. For too long has it merely reacted to world events rather than directed them, he said.

"The Jerusalem Conference of Jewish Solidarity," attended by 170 delegates, verified Israel's acceptance of the principle of dialogue with world Jewry on issues affecting international relations, he added. The summit, drawing representatives from 27 countries along with Israeli cabinet ministers and prominent figures, was designed by its organizers — the Israeli government and the World Zionist Organization — to establish a concrete Jewish response to the attacks on Israel and Zionism and to demonstrate identification with Zionist aspirations.

Along with Harris, Canadian delegates at the 2½-day assembly were United Israel Appeal of Canada President Phil Granovsky, Canadian Zionist Federation President Phil Givens, both of Toronto, and Vice-President of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, Clara Balinsky of Montreal.

Harris, a member of the working committee planning public solidarity activities, explained several of the proposals generated to rally world Jewry in support of Zionism:

— a worldwide campaign to sign a declaration of identification with Zionism and Israel;

— a series of conferences of Jewish and non-Jewish intellectuals to be convened in the U.S., Canada, South America, Europe and England;

— the formation of a "Jerusalem Club", parallel to the Club of Rome, to draw on the expertise of Jewish scholars.

Harris' committee also urged that Yom Ha'atzmaut (Independence Day) May 5, 1976 be celebrated in an unprecendented display of unity — with a series of programs in individual countries connected to national liberation movements.

"Obviously these are public relations operations," noted Harris. These should be augmented, he argued, by hiring professionals to handle public relations programs for the Jewish community.

Other proposals from working committees called for: a buy-Israeli products campaign among Jews abroad; a "Pilgrimage to Israel Year" to strengthen Diaspora links; a volunteer work program to draw 30,000 Jews to Israel and a mission of Jewish businessmen to stimulate the Israeli market.

Most of the Canadian representatives expressed their uncertainty regarding the practical outcome of the conference, aside from its visible display of Jewish solidarity.

The delegates were critical of the meeting's pre-structured agenda which inhibited the opportunity for debate. Many were concerned that proposals regarding education, aliyah, economics and public solidarity would be too unwieldly and complex to receive unanimous support.

Granovsky, who addressed one of the conference's plenary sessions, was disappointed that the world assembly failed to adequately handle such pressing problems as the reality of the yordim, the emigrant Israelis, and the Russian Jews who choose to settle in communities outside Israel.

The conference delegates, he insisted, did not come to grips with the burdens placed on fund-raising organizations split between financing Israel's critical needs while supporting communal interests.

A proposal made by some Israeli delegates for $1 billion in a "special fund" to be raised in the Diaspora from contributions over and above" UJA and Israel Bond pledges, drew heavy opposition from Granovsky and other delegates.

"It's fine to make fancy speeches and resolutions," exclaimed Granovsky. "But how is all this going to take place. Where do we go from here?"

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'Arab diplomacy sapping Western democracy'

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —
Current diplomatic attacks against Israel are part of a policy to undermine the foundations of Western democracy, according to the new Israeli ambassador to Canada.

Mordechai Shalev, addressing a Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry luncheon here, told about 100 Canadian businessmen and Israeli consular and trade officials that although Israel has been singled out by Arab and totalitarian powers, the political assaults have implications for every nation guided by the principles of morality and democracy.

He observed that "only very rarely" is an attack on Israel recognized for what it really is — a broadside against Western democracy. Referring specifically to the UN resolution equating Zionism with racism, Shalev declared that it was designed to frustrate ongoing peacemaking efforts in the Middle East.

Speaking in the Roof Garden of the Royal York Hotel, Shalev also praised the work of the Chamber, disclosed that a few African states would like to reestablish relations with Israel and reaffirmed the official Israeli position of unwillingness to negotiate with the PLO.

The ambassador, who was minister in the Israeli embassy in Washington D.C. before being posted to Canada recently, criticized nations whose leaders perceive the turmoil in the Middle East as an isolated phenomenon and who treat the region with circumspection. He termed their stance self-detrimental and an evasion towards their

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In an historic move, government accedes to Jewish viewpoint on Sunday closing issue

TORONTO —
In an historic move, the Ontario government has drafted an amendment to the proposed law regulating Sunday store hours in the province.

Announcement of the decision was made Tuesday by Solicitor-General John MacBeth. This marks the first time either the federal or provincial government has acceded to the Jewish viewpoint regarding Sunday closing.

In 1906, despite the promulgation of an amendment by a federal select committee favoring the Jewish position, and despite Prime Minister Sir Wilfred Laurier's support of the clause, it was voted down by the House of Commons. The Lord's Day Bill comes under federal jurisdiction.

Four years ago, the Ontario Law Reform Commission Report opposed a Canadian Jewish Congress brief requesting a Sabbath exemption because of constitutional problems.

According to the changes in the proposed law, shopkeepers who close on Saturday would be allowed to open the following day, provided they employ less than three persons and occupy no more than 2,400 square feet of selling space on Sunday.

MacBeth drew up the amendment to accommodate Jewish and Seventh Day Adventist storekeepers who observe Saturday as their holy day. The wording in the amendment says no goods or services may be offered during the 32 hours before Sunday begins, taking the necessary closing time back to 4 p.m. Friday for those who may open Sunday.

A Legislature committee has yet to debate the changes, but Ben Kayfetz, executive director of CJC's Central Region, already sees some problems in the amendment. Although he approves of it in principle and calls it "a move in the right direction," he said the clause pertaining to hours may penalize Jews because of the late sundown during the summer. "But that's a technical matter and can be straightened out," he added in an interview.

Last week, a delegation from CJC presented a brief to the government's select committee to plead the case of religiously observant Jewish retailers, and Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, chairman of the Joint Community Relations Committee of Congress and B'nai Brith, remarked he "would be very surprised" if the government "dodged this issue."

At the committee hearing, the solicitor-general stood fast to his belief, in principle, for an exemption recognizing the Orthodox businessman, but expressed uncertainty regarding the mechanics of drafting the amendment — the consistent snag in the push for a Sabbath exemption.

Rabbi Pearlson, cogently fielding questions from the committee, argued the new legislation would force a number of retail businesses to shut down, should it fail to consider the religious minority.

Responding to the charge by two committee members that a religious exemption would jeopardize the legislation, Rabbi Pearlson challenged the "secular" nature of the bill: "Let's not kid ourselves...with this legislation regulating holiday closings, we are ensconsing a particular religious observance. Good Friday, Christmas and Sunday are a fascinating triad of secular holidays."

When pressed by one MPP that non-Jewish employees of Orthodox businessman may, in effect, be coerced into working on Sunday, Pearlson quipped: "The grand total of Christians working for Jews is less than those working at Maple Leaf Gardens on a Sunday."

One committee member erroneously suggested since Israel legislates Sabbath as a common rest day, to which the minority of Arabs and Christians must comply, so, too, could Ontario. In a quick rejoinder, Rabbi Pearlson pointed out the truth of the matter — the free activity of Arab and Christian businesses on a Saturday.

(Perhaps coincidentally, **The Catholic Register**, in a November editorial, applied the same falacious analogy as a justification for denying a Sabbath exemption.)

The three-hour discussion on the Congress presentation depicted the thorny problems the 12-man committee must handle in legislating, what is in fact, people's lifestyles. As one MPP noted at the hearings, the committee has aptly been dubbed a "swampland" and "minefield."

Holiday deadlines

The offices of **The CJN** *will be closed from noon Wednesday, Dec. 24 and will re-open Monday, Dec. 29 at 9 a.m.*

The deadline for display advertising scheduled for insertion in the Jan. 2 issue will be Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 12 noon. The classified deadline for the same issue will be Monday, Dec. 29, at 1 p.m.

The following week the office will close Dec. 31 at noon and re-open Friday, Jan, 2 at usual time.

Archbishop, chief rabbi meet

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —
In an unusual exchange recently, Romania's Chief Rabbi Dr. Moses Rosen met with Montreal Roman Catholic Archbishop Paul Gregoire under the arrangement of Canadian Jewish Congress.

The two religious leaders chatted in French for half an hour, in the Archbishop's office, on Jewish life in Romania and their common goal for the benefit of mankind as men of the Bible. Rabbi Rosen is fluent in several languages.

The rabbi later expressed pleasure with Gregoire's "love and respect for the Jewish interpretation of the Bible" and the Jewish outlook on its role in the future of the world.

The Vatican guidelines on relations between Christians and Jews handed down by Pope Paul earlier this year, on the Catholic Church's continuing policy of non-recognition to the State of Israel, were not discussed.

The meeting was rather a "friendly exchange of views," as Rabbi Rosen described it, with the Archbishop showing apparent interest in Romania's distinction of having the only Jewish community behind the Iron Curtain which enjoys full religious and cultural freedom, a situation made possible by the work of Rabbi Rosen.

In 1964 Rabbi Rosen became the chairman of the federation of Jewish Communities of the Socialist Republic of Romania. Since then under a special arrangement between Rabbi Rosen and the government, Romanian Jewry has established itself as a viable community renewing much of its traditions lost during the Nazi Holocaust.

Romania is the only Communist country which maintains diplomatic relations with Israel.

The rabbi likens the Romanian Jews' struggle for independence to that of any "small people" seeking identity within the Communist bloc.

"While Jewish institutions are developing in Romania we are also seeking friendship and brotherhood with non-Jewish groups. By communicating with Christians but remaining in our own belief, justice, peace and freedom are possible in the world."

Rabbi Rosen was in Montreal for two days as the guest of Congress and Mizrachi Hapoel Hamizrachi Organization and spoke at a public convocation at Chevra Kadisha-B'nai Jacob Congregation about Judaism in his native country. He also met with the rabbis of Montreal.

The meeting with Archbishop Gregoire was the second step made that day by Congress to seek to improve relations with non-Jews. Earlier, National Executive-Director Alan Rose was guest speaker at the first Christian-Jewish Dialogue sponsored by Hadassah-WIZO with Rev. Dr. John Pawlikowski of the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

Montreal Roman Catholic Archbishop Paul Gregoire (left) greets Romanian Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen in his office. Canadian Jewish Congress arranged the meeting. (H. Kay)

World News

MIDEAST MOVES

In top photo, the UN Security Council votes to extend the mandate of the international peacekeeping force on the Golan Heights for another six months and to invite the PLO to participate in Mideast talks in January. Below, the Israeli flag is lowered at Abu Rodeis oilfield in the Sinai. Egypt has taken it over. Israel is estimated to have drawn 30 million tons of oil in the last 8 1/2 years. (Religious News Service photo)

U.S. tightens regulations

Firms fined for not reporting boycott demands

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON [JTA] — Secretary of Commerce Rogers C.B. Morton has disclosed that the Department of Commerce has fined four American companies $1,000 each for failing to report to the department demands by Arab countries to comply with their boycott against Israel.

Morton, in a letter to Rep. Harley Staggers (D.-W. Va.), chairman of the House commerce committee, revealed the names of the companies fined. They are Agip U.S.A. Inc.; Inter-Equipment Co.; and the National Cash Register Co., all of New York and Continental Emsco Co. of Houston.

Morton's letter was his second overture in less than a week to Congress where he faces contempt charges for having refused to divulge information on the Arab boycott and American firms responding to it. His action followed measures taken by President Ford two weeks ago to tighten federal regulations dealing with discriminatory tactics by American companies against other American companies with respect to the Arab boycott.

Until now, the administration has refused the demand by the House commerce subcommittee on investigations to turn over to it specific materials in its study of the boycott. The refusal was on grounds of confidentiality.

The full House commerce committee, chaired by Staggers, will deal with its subcommittee's recommendation that Morton be cited for contempt. The commerce secretary stated in his letter that two other companies are facing charges but did not disclose their names. He did not name any of the 212 companies that, he said, have been warned to supply the Commerce Department with the required data on the Arab boycott.

Morton cautioned that the companies did not necessarily take part in the boycott but said they should have filed reports as required by law. Morton, who will resign his post effective Jan. 1, offered last week to reveal the names of companies that have complied with Arab boycott demands but insisted that the subcommittee not make public the names of those companies. Subcommittee chairman John Moss (D. Calif.) rejected the offer.

Meanwhile, the American Jewish Congress announced in New York recently that it was launching a nationwide campaign to require major U.S. corporations to tell their shareholders whether they are participating in the Arab boycott of Israel or discriminating against Jews.

Will Maslow, general counsel of the congress, said at a press conference that the organization was invoking Security and Exchange Commission regulations to seek information about "anti-Israel and anti-Jewish practices, if any" by approximately 100 publicly-owned American firms.

"Stockholders are entitled to know their companies' participation in boycotts, restrictive trade practices and religious discrimination," Maslow said. He explained that "among other reasons, job discrimination and participation in boycotts could result in legal action for damages against the company."

'Jewish prisoners receive special abuse' in Soviet labor camps, report confirms

LONDON [JTA] — A damning report by Amnesty International on conditions in Soviet prisons and forced labor camps where at least 10,000 political and religious dissenters, including Jewish "prisoners of conscience" are currently incarcerated, confirms charges that "Jewish prisoners are frequently singled out for special abuse" and that prison authorities deliberately provoke anti-Semitic acts against them by non-Jewish inmates.

The 154-page illustrated report titled **Prisoners of Conscience in the USSR,** was released here recently and was published simultaneously in Dutch, German, French and Swedish. Amnesty International is a London-based nonsectarian organization that monitors the condition of political prisoners all over the world.

The report said that conditions in Soviet penal institutions "not only violate international standards for the treatment of prisoners, but fail to achieve the standards established in parts of domestic (Soviet) corrective labor legislation and theory."

The report urges the Soviet authorities to undertake a program of penal reform and warns that as long as the day-to-day working of the Soviet penal system is treated as a state secret, it will continue to "generate suspicion and mistrust, certainly abroad and to some extent within the Soviet Union itself."

The study of Soviet penal conditions by Amnesty International does not single out the plight of Jewish prisoners or that of any other minority group. But the names of many well-known Jewish activists imprisoned because of their persistent quest for exit visas appear throughout the report.

These include Eduard Kuznetsov, Alexander Feldman, Alexander Fainberg, Semyon Gluzman, Yona Kolchinsky, Vladimir Bukovsky and Vladimir Gershuni. Feldman is the subject of one of the "profiles" of five typical Soviet political or religious prisoners. He was sentenced to a 3-½ year term in a strict regime labor camp after applying for a visa.

The report quotes extensively from a statement by a group of Jewish prisoners in Perm. They charged that "the camp authorities inculcate nationalistic conflicts and agitate other inmates against Jews. KGB (secret police) officers stress in their conversations with non-Jewish inmates that all nationalities of the USSR must take a stand against Jews, particularly in labor camps," the Amnesty International report said.

It quoted the Jewish prisoners' charge that "the (camp) administration provoked anti-Jewish incidents, utilized informers and spies, used false witnesses in order to be able to impose additional punishment on Jews.

Inmates who have had contact with Jews are summoned for discussions during which anti-Semitic sentiments are expressed and they are told that protests against the arbitrariness in camp rules are only profitable to the Zionists... The Jews are forbidden to practice their religious traditions...forbidden to congregate even for a few minutes..."

Continuing, the report said: "Hebrew or Yiddish conversation is subject to punishment because these languages are not understood by the guards and therefore their content cannot be checked. The study of Hebrew is prohibited. Internal letters in Hebrew or Yiddish are banned and confiscated."

The report contains chapters on "Articles of Soviet Criminal Law which restrict the exercise of fundamental human rights"; "maintenance of prisoners" which contains details of rationing, hunger regimes and medical care; "relationship between prisoners and administration"; and "compulsory detention in psychiatric hospitals."

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"Leukemia in mice and humans is accompanied by a marked deficiency of cholesterol in the surface membrane of leukemic cells as compared to normal lymphocytes," the scientists stated. "This deficiency induces a significant reduction in the membrane microviscosity of leukemic cells, which we were able to measure with a fluorescence polarization instrument we built in co-operation with an Elscint team headed by Dr. Avraham Bruck."

Both Dr. Avraham Suhami, the president of Elscint, and Dr. Benjamin Salamon, managing director of Yeda, feel that this venture may pave the way to still closer and more fruitful links between Israel's science-based industries and her institutions of higher learning.

Moreover, financial support received through the office of the Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry indicates that the government recognizes the importance of such projects.

Mexican official claims UN vote 'was not hostile'

MEXICO CITY [JTA] — Former President Miguel Aleman assured a Jewish delegation at his home here that Mexico's vote in favor of the anti-Zionist resolution in the UN General Assembly did not reflect a hostile position toward Israel or the Jewish people.

Aleman, who is presently chairman of the National Tourism Council, invited local Jewish leaders to dinner at his home. The guests included Simon Feldman, president of the Ashkenazic community, Sergio Nudelstejer, secretary general of the Central Jewish Committee and Tevia Maizel, a sociologist and personal friend of the ex-president.

The gathering followed a mass protest meeting against the UN resolution. The meeting was organized by the Central Jewish Committee and the Mexican Zionist Federation. Speakers included Nudelstejer, who is the local representative of the American Jewish Committee, and Enrique Shor, president of the Zionist Federation. The Central Jewish Committee published ads in eight major dailies denouncing the anti-Zionist measure.

Greece says no to PLO

WASHINGTON [JTA] — Greek Ambassador Menelas D. Alexandrakis has advised representatives of two major Jewish organizations that his government had decided "not to extend diplomatic recognition at this time" to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Herman Edelsberg, director of B'nai B'rith's International Council, and Hyman Bookbinder, Washington representative of the American Jewish Committee, following a meeting with Alexandrakis, said the ambassador had disavowed news reports that Greece was ready to give official sanction to the PLO.

A PLO leader had recently met with the Greek foreign minister, reportedly to seek formal acceptance of his group. Alexandrakis added that his government had also rejected a PLO request to open an office in Athens.

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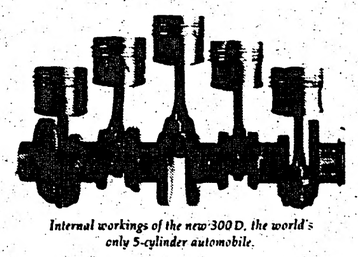

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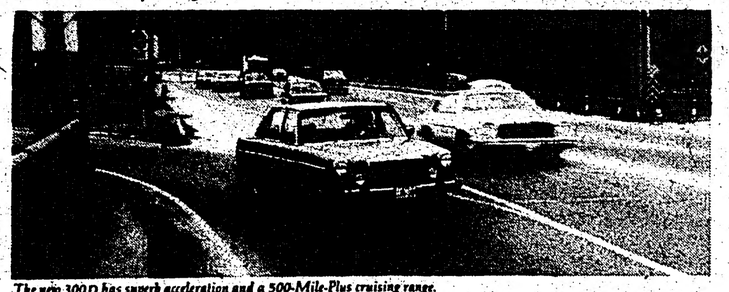

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Prior to Canada—Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry luncheon at Royal York Hotel, guest speaker Mordechai Shalev (centre), Israel ambassador to Canada, chats with Toronto Consul Shmuel Ovnat (left) and Mark Gross of Toronto. Gross is on the board of directors of the Chamber. (David Groskind photo)

'Public supports Jerusalem'

U.S.-Israeli relations close to peak, Kenen says

By S.K. LAZAROV

I. L. Kenén

TORONTO —
Despite a weakening of support for Israel in Congress, U.S.-Israeli relations are close to their peak, in the opinion of I.L. Kenen, a highly influential lobbyist in Washington, D.C.

Founder of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, Kenen told some 800 worshippers at Beth Tzedec here last week that although Arab-placed ads in U.S. newspapers have been counterproductive to date, the Arabs have succeeded in convincing public opinion that the Palestinian problem lies at the heart of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Kenen, editor of the **Near East Report** for many years, said that in spite of the rapprochement between Washington and Cairo, public opinion in the United States still supports Israel. Less than half a per cent of the American people blamed Israel or Jews for the energy crisis in the aftermath of the Yom Kippur War, he disclosed.

Kenen's comments are significant because the American Public Affairs Committee is said by Washington observers to be one of the most powerful lobbies in the United States. Since its establishment 21 years ago, the Committee with Kenen at its head, has spearheaded the campaign for American economic and diplomatic aid to Israel.

Near East Report is a fact sheet on Israel and the Middle East which is distributed to thousands of subscribers in government, industry and in the public sector.

In a brief analysis of U.S.-Israeli ties, Kenen, a former Torontonian, said the turning point in their relations came after the 1967 Six Day War when the White House ceased thinking that the Jewish state was a liability. The war, he pointed out, proved there was a convergence of interests between Israel and the United States.

In the eyes of U.S. strategists, he added, Israel was seen as a bulwark against Soviet expansionism in the Middle East and a reliable ally of the United States in a region beset by political instability.

Pointing to negative developments that may affect Israel in the future, Kenen expressed regret that his country has not solved the energy problem nor put a brake on what he called "the terrifying arms race" in the Middle East.

Speaking of Anwar Sadat's attitude towards a settlement, Kenen hinted that the Egyptian president may, in fact, not be ready to conclude a peace with Israel. Sadat, he observed, thinks that Sephardic-Ashkenazic discord in Israel, together with the perception that American-Jewish support for Israel may diminish within 100 years, may cause a collapse of the Jewish state.

Urges Habitat representations

By A.J. ARNOLD

WINNIPEG —
It would be most appropriate for Jewish representations on social problems relating to human settlement to be made to the Habitat conference, suggests Professor Irwin Cotler of Montreal, through the Canadian national committee on Habitat headed by Senator Sidney Buckwold.

Prof. Cotler, chairman of Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East, told **The Canadian Jewish News** that he had recommended such a course to the responsible Jewish body and while it was accepted in principle, it has not yet been implemented.

This was one point touched on in the course of a discussion on the position of Canadian Jewry vis-a-vis Israel and the Middle East in the aftermath of the UN's anti-Zionist resolution.

Prof. Cotler felt the Jewish community, through Canadian Jewish Congress and related bodies, "should be taking a more active and visible role in making representations to special committees and other government bodies dealing with social issues which affect all Canadians."

Admitting to some "reluctance," Prof. Cotler nevertheless felt obliged to suggest that "many Canadian Jews appear uneasy as Canadians and ambivalent as Jews." Because of this attitude they appear to be "unable to assert a valid position as Canadians or as Jews."

He added however that there were "hopeful signs" of change and that "consciousness raising" was beginning to develop.

"The Jewish community," Cotler stated, "is finally beginning to confront the reality that no real advocacy or assertion of the Jewish right to self-determination was taking place.

"We must stop talking to ourselves," he declared "and engage in serious outreach efforts. If we really believe that Zionism is a movement for liberation and self-determination, then we must communicate that belief."

Ban PLO from Canada: Gray

MONTREAL —
Representatives of the PLO should not be allowed to enter Canada, says Herb Gray.

Speaking to a B'nai Brith meeting here, the former federal cabinet minister also urged Ottawa to reassess Canada's relationship with the United Nations in the wake of the vote equating Zionism with racism.

Gray said that while the Habitat conference should be held in Vancouver next June, the government should not allow the PLO to attend because they are professed terrorists and, therefore, ineligible for entry into Canada "according to the government's own policy."

He added: "How can a distinction be made by the government between the one who carries out the act of violence, and the one who orders it, or who aids and abets it? How can a distinction be made between the one who sets off the bomb or fires the gun, and the one who orders and encourages such acts of terrorism?

Gray emphasized that unless the PLO ceases condoning terrorism against Israel, and unless it ceases calling for its destruction, the government should not allow PLO representatives to enter Canada.

Alluding to the unruly meeting in Toronto last month where a high PLO official was not permitted to speak by Zionist groups, Gray said he does not support or approve of anyone disrupting public meetings.

"I am sure that the overwhelming majority of the Canadian Jewish community and the leaders of its representative organizations do not support or condone such disruptions even though they do not agree that (the) PLO should be allowed into Canada," he remarked at a Bonnaventure Lodge dinner meeting honoring Sidney Margles.

Referring to the United Nations, the Windsor MP stressed he was not advocating a Canadian departure from the world body. But he said a review should be carried out within the federal bureaucracy to examine the effectiveness of the UN in light of the fact that it is not "pursuing the principles of world harmony and fair treatment of all peoples on which it was originally founded."

Gray, analysing the anti-Israel vote linking Zionism with racism, said that it was, in effect, not only an attack "on the Jewish people and Judaism but also, in my view, on the basic concepts of Christianity."

UIA Ontario gains top gifts

The first week of November, 1975, will go down in the annals of UIA history as the one in which the Jews of Kingston, spurred on by the sentiments expressed at the Ontario Region Seminar in Toronto, two weeks previously, pledged their financial support to Israel more generously than even before.

On Sunday, Nov. 2, the male members of the community met for a brunch at the home of their chairman, Ray Kizell. Abe Tooch, special emissary from Israel, was the guest speaker. For the next two days, Tooch stayed in Kingston, and accompanied by the untiring Ray Kizell, visited every other member of the community who had not been able to attend the meeting.

On Nov. 5, Joan Kizell, women's division chairman, called the ladies of the community together at a luncheon held at the home of Mrs. Shirley Abramsky. By special request of the community, Tooch remained an extra day, so the ladies could receive the benefit of his knowledge and up-to-the minute information of the Middle East situation. Mrs. Joan Lipson, chairman, women's division, UIA of Ontario, travelled to Kingston to bring a message of the women's responsibilities to Israel and the Jewish people through personal giving in their own right.

The following week, Tooch and Ben Ocopnick, executive-director of the UIA Ontario Region, again set out on their travels. This time their first stop was Guelph, where the annual campaign evening was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Flesher. This year's chairman, Sid Brown, ably supported by co-chairmen Abe Acker and Sy Witt, had, in the absence of mail service, phoned every member of the community to remind them of this important event. Once again Tooch's address was greeted with a warm and generous response, and this year's campaign promises to be one of the most successful ever held by this community. Tooch also remained in Guelph an extra day, and with the help of Brown, and another devoted member of the community, Barney Talbot, was able to visit or speak to every member of the community not present at the previous evening's meeting, and obtain their pledges.

Sunday, Nov. 16 found Ocopnick and Tooch in Belleville, which this year has a new chairman, Marvin Holzman. The campaign, which was held at the Sons of Jacob Synagogue, was well attended, and once more, after Tooch's address, pledges were instant and generous. The next day, aided by information supplied by the treasurer, Mort Lightstone, and accompanied by one of the most dedicated members of the Belleville community, Ted Schwab, Ocopnick and Tooch visited the rest of the Belleville community.

Last, but by no means least of the communities running fall campaigns, Ocopnick and Tooch set out for Sudbury, where this year's campaign evening was held Nov. 24 at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue. Mort Pliskow, once again campaign chairman, personally informed all members of the community in order to get full support for this meeting. Tooch again addressed the meeting, and once more met with an instant and unqualified response. In their usual fashion, Ocopnick and Tooch remained in Sudbury one more day, to canvass on a personal basis.

With the wind-up of the fall campaigns, there is no doubt the results are over 10% higher than contributions made in 1974, and proves the awareness of all Jews in all communities, not only of Israel's needs, but also the necessity of joining together to fight the Arab "Zionist-racist" propaganda.

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National organizations should respond to Toronto growth into top community

The scene was the Toronto Jewish community's largest affair of the year, and Phil Granovsky took the opportunity to deliver some interesting remarks to the 1,500 attending the Negev Dinner. The Canadian president of the United Israel Appeal pointed out Toronto is home to the top leaders of most of the major national Jewish organizations — Canadian Jewish Congress, UIA, Jewish National Fund, Canadian Zionist Federation and State of Israel Bonds.

The 1970s have seen the gradual shifting of the focus of Jewish power in this country from Montreal to Toronto. At one time, there was no doubt the Quebec metropolis was the focal point of Jewish life in Canada. There were many more Jews in Montreal than Toronto, and leadership and headquarters of national Jewish organizations were in Quebec.

However, beginning with the election of Jean Lesage to the Quebec premiership in the 1950s, there have been a great many changes in that province. This has resulted in a marked alteration in the life of English-speaking Canadians in that province.

An article two weeks ago in **Weekend** magazine on the English in Quebec concluded that the community had no future in the province. Many organizations came to that conclusion long ago and there has been a resulting exodus.

Saul Hayes, "Mr. Congress," told the CJC Plenary Assembly in 1974 that "it won't take more than five years before Montreal will host a lesser Jewish population than Toronto." He added that the present political climate of Quebec will find most immigrants, unless willing to be involved in francophone cultural life, will go principally to Toronto or Vancouver.

A long-time, leading community civil servant in Toronto told this newspaper that the last decade "has seen a slow, but steady exit of Jews from Montreal to Toronto. It's not a frenzied exit, but it's into the thousands."

Now that the Jewish leadership is centred in Toronto, it's time for our organizations to give serious consideration to moving their headquarters to this city. All the organizations mentioned by Mr. Granovsky still have their national offices in Montreal.

Some of our organizations have already made the move. The Zionist Organization of Canada switched its head office to Toronto in 1970. The Israel Government Tourist Office closed its Montreal office in 1974 and moved its director to Toronto. New Israeli universities are setting up their Canadian headquarters in Toronto.

The Jewish community of Montreal with its size and strength will no doubt continue to flourish. However, all indications are the future lies in Toronto with its fast-growing population and vital, young leadership. Our community organizations should take cognizance of that and act accordingly.

Guest Editorial

Turning other cheek to anti-Semitism would foolishly let the poison spread

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

"The Jewish mob had cried out, Crucify him!"

Sunday morning Nov. 23, during the regular **Moments of Meditation** program over Radio Station CFRB, these words were spoken by pastor D.J. Handysides of the Seventh Day Adventist church. The clergyman, whose religious messages are often broadcast on this particular program, repeated that bit of virulence in the same soothing, mellifluous tones which he normally uses when exhorting his listeners to live a better Christian life.

Now it was a brief statement, but dangerous. It is just this kind of insidious venom which helps to perpetuate the image of the Jew as a panting, l u s t i n g Christ killer.

The nice Gentile hears a respected man of the cloth referring to a Jewish mob, and the remark sits in his subconscious. When similar statements are made over and over by others, a picture begins to emerge, and it is a foul one.

Did pastor Handysides realize what he was doing in his Sabbath morning talk? If so, his action was reprehensible. If not, then the situation should be explained to him. Certainly, both the clergyman and CFRB should hear from the Jewish community on this matter.

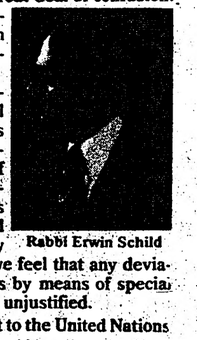
It should be made abundantly clear that we will not tolerate this anti-Jewish hate propaganda. We cannot, we must not, allow the canker to be implanted, nurtured, and suddenly emerge, raw and festering. On just such poison did Hitlerism feed!

Mrs. Chinsky, a freelance Toronto writer, is a regular contributor to this paper.

Confusion created by visit of PLO clarified by CIC

Dear Editor:

The recent appearance in Toronto of PLO spokesman Shafiq Al-Hout provoked an angry reaction on the part of members of the Jewish community. This in turn led to a lively discussion in the media. The introduction of irrelevent issues into the debate, in which even a cabinet minister became involved, created a great deal of confusion.



Rabbi Erwin Schild

I offer the following paragraphs as an attempt at clarification.

1. The Jewish community, with virtual unanimity, opposes the admission to Canada of members of Arab terrorists organizations. Members of the PLO are barred f r o m Canada by Canadian law, and we feel that any deviation from these rules by means of special ministerial permit is unjustified.

2. We do not object to the United Nations Habitat Conference taking place in Vancouver. In line with our opposition to the presence of PLO members in Canada, we urge the government to reconsider its declared intention to admit PLO observers to the Conference. If PLO observers do attend, Canadian Jews, and the Vancouver Jewish community in particular, may be expected to exercise their right of peaceful protest, but we do not call on our government to cancel the conference on this account.

3. The government's stated intention to admit PLO observers to Habitat in conformity with United Nations rules has no bearing whatsoever on the merits of admitting PLO members to Canada for other purposes. Even if we could acquiesce to the granting of ministerial permits to PLO members for the purpose of Habitat, we would still resolutely oppose their admission for provocative, cross-Canada speaking tours designed to set Canadians against each other and to arouse the anger, resentment and anguish of thousands of citizens. Certainly, admitting PLO observers to Habitat is not the same as permitting them to be flauntingly paraded across our country.

4. The Immigration Department showed a remarkable lack of sensitivity in issuing the permit for Al-Hout's speaking tour so soon after the passing of the United Nations resolution equating Zionism and racism and almost immediately after the terrorist bombing in Jerusalem which killed seven Israeli teenagers and for which the PLO claimed responsibility. This utter lack of discretion and disregard for special circumstances contributed no doubt to the depth and vehemence of the anger which Al-Hout's visit provoked.

5. The actions of the Jewish community are not intended and cannot be construed as a denial of freedom of speech, a principle to which we are totally committed. We defend the right of every Canadian and of legal visitors to express controversial points of view, as well as the right of Canadians to l i s t e n. Our protests are directed against the presence of Arab terrorists, for no matter what purpose.

The spontaneous expression of outrage and disgust which made it impossible for Al-Hout to be heard reflected the anger of the victims' kin against the avowed accomplice of their murderers. That he had come to speak was incidental to the provocation of his mere presence. That this anger was vented in an emotional but non-violent fashion ought to receive the understanding and sympathy of the unbiased observer.

Rabbi Erwin Schild, chairman,
Canada-Israel Committee,
Central Region.

A mass of blocks is what remains of the historical hell of Treblinka. At left is message in several languages – Never Again. Right, menorah crowns main monument there. Toronto freelance writer Jerry Faivish captured these shots during his tour of Eastern Europe last summer. He found Treblinka "one of most moving memorials" he'd ever seen.

Treblinka memorial has 'powerful effect'

By JERRY FAIVISH

TREBLINKA, Poland —

I arrived at Treblinka at 5 in the morning. It is not more than a tranquil little village with a few huts, houses and barns with thatched roofs. When I got there, some children and roosters were running around in an open field; a few townspeople in their traditional dress were walking their cows and pigs, and a milkman, with his horse-drawn carriage and old milk cans, was getting ready to start on his route. It was so peaceful and serene that it was hard to imagine that another world existed just three kilometers away.

It definitely did and still exists today. All the same sights and sounds of life, such as trees, birds, butterflies, rabbits and cows were there, but the barracks and human life were not. That had all been replaced by thousands of stones. Engraved in the first one was their history: "There was here a Nazi Extermination camp between July 1942 and August 1943. More than 800,000 Jews from Poland, USSR, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Austria, France, Belgium, Germany and Greece were murdered. On Aug. 2, 1943, the prisoners organized an armed revolt which was crushed in blood by the Nazi hangmen..."

You pass through the first mass of blocks and you realize you're entering an historical hell. You walk above the rocks buried in the ground that now form an aesthetically pleasing path, and you walk along a path that led to the crematorium. Along side of you there is a monotonous row of cement blocks which serve as the symbolic graves of countless dead; while the border of the complex is a line of jagged masses.

They are nameless Matzevot which have replaced the barbed wire. The next series of stones are in a 'linear cluster.' There are 10, each is pointed, each bears the name of a country and each represents the country of origin of victims, but together they show that genocide knows no boundaries. Their other function was to lead me in the direction of the central monument.

It was one large pillar, composed of 'Pharoah's blocks' — large blocks of stone which reminded me of the fruits and the oppressiveness of slave labor — but in this case the Pharoah's name was Hitler! Crowning the top was one huge slab of rock with sculptured faces of the men and the symbol (the menorah) of the nation whose bodies and souls build it. Nearby there was a multilingual message — never again.

But have no fear, it will never happen in Poland again — at least not on the same scale. The thousands of natural rough tombstones which circle and surround the main monument testify to this fact. Most are blank, but many are not. Those that aren't, are not adorned with names of individuals, but rather with those of destroyed or extinct Polish communities — Warsaw, Lodz, Krakow, Ujazd, Zyradov, Radom, Kielce, Bialystok, Adamov... Unfortunately the list is seemingly endless. That, and the surprisingly powerful effect of the rock composition made this one of the most moving memorials I have ever seen.

Treblinka — on the map it is just a small little village. Yet, in history books and in the minds of the people who survived here, it and its inanimate stones are much larger than life.

Jerry Faivish, an Osgoode Hall law student is frequently a contributor to this paper. He recently returned from a six-week tour of Eastern Europe.

Elephantine Jews provide key to ancient Judaic life

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —

Elephantine Jews? Few of us have ever heard of them. Who were they? And why were they so important? Prof. Bezalel Porten, who has devoted a good part of his academic career to documenting their existence, is one of the world's foremost authorities on this mysterious pre-Christian century sect.

A visiting associate professor in humanities at York University, Porten says the significance of the Elephantine Jews, contemporaries of Ezra and Nehemiah, is that they constitute the earliest Diaspora Jewish community for which there is extensive documentation.

Prof. Bezalel Porten of York University.

Consisting of legal, communal and epistolatory archives written on papyrus and potsherd, the documents are now scattered in museums in East Germany, Egypt, England and the United States. The importance of the documents is overwhelming; they have provided the source material for the economic, religious and social study of ancient Jewish life.

Porten, a 44-year-old American who has lived in Israel since 1968 and is now a Hebrew University senior lecturer in Jewish history, is the author of one of the most comprehensive books on the subjects — **Archives from Elephantine: The Life Of An Ancient Jewish Military Colony,** published seven years ago by the University of California Press. He has also contributed articles on the Elephantine Jews to scholarly periodicals.

He is on sabbatical leave at York thanks to a grant from the United Jewish Welfare Fund, which provided seed money for the establishment of a Jewish teacher training program at the university.

His interest in Elephantine Jews stems from a Ph.D. dissertation he produced at Columbia University. Elephantine, he explained in an interview, is a tiny island on the mighty Nile opposite Aswan. In ancient times, Elephantine, lying on the first cataract, was Egypt's southern border. The Jews who settled on this dot of land were mercenaries who alternately offered their military skills to the Egyptians and conquering Persians.

They spoke Aramaic but had Hebrew names. Their temple was used for prayer and animal sacrifice. And their women folk had the right of divorce, which later disappeared from Jewish law, according to the Philadelphia-born Porten.

The Elephantines' temple was destroyed by Egyptian priests in connivance with the Persians. There is reason to believe they rebuilt their temple, but no one really knows because at this point in time — 399 B.C.E. — the documents mysteriously vanish.

Porten claims the study of Elephantine Jews was as popular with scholars at the turn of this century as the Dead Sea Scrolls are today. The latter, however, are probably more attractive to academicians because of their link to Christianity.

Although he continues his research on the Elephantine Jews, Porten is also engaged in writing a book on the siddur, the Jewish prayerbook. According to Prof. Michael Brown, co-ordinator of Hebrew language studies at York, the creation of his colleague's book is taking place in part in a fourth-year seminar at the university. The seminar is said to be unique in that there is probably no other secular university in North America where the siddur is being studied intensively.

In spite of his academic versatility, Porten's chief concern is the Bible. He is one of the few professors anywhere who teach the Bible as literature rather than as a work of history or philology.

In examining the Bible, Porten related, "I ask myself what is its literary structure and why it was written." Bibilical narrative, he continued, is actually a suspense story. For example, how will the commands be carried out? "Like a formula mystery, you know the hero will catch the villain but the suspense is there nevertheless. You don't know how the hero will do it."

Of the 39 books in the Old Testament, Porten's favorite is the Book of Ruth. "It's compact and highly stylized," he explained, "and full of word plays which weave through the story like threads in a garment. Every word triggers a response. The piece as a whole has pleasing symmetry."

Porten asserts the books in the Bible are intrically composed, though each one is characterized by different degrees of balance, rhythm and successful employment of keyword repetition. "Some narratives limp and are a bit askew. Yet each one is written with a careful eye to structure," he said.

He understands why some religious Jews object to analysing the Bible from a literary stance. "They feel it excludes the religious approach, but I think the literary approach makes the Bible more meaningful. One's admiration can only increase."

Porten holds a Ph.D. in Jewish history from Columbia; but he is an ordained rabbi as well. He studied with Shlomo Spiegal, brother of famed moviemaker Sam (**Lawrence of Arabia**). "He is to Bible what Sam is to film," he noted. "He inspired me to take Bible seriously as a creative work."

Porten and his family (he has four children) went to live in Israel as a result of the Jewishness with which he and his wife's childhood were inculcated. As he put it: "I rode a 2,000-year-old dream to fulfilment."

Author portrays growth of anti-Semitism and socialist struggle in Russia, Poland

By ALBERT BAINERMAN

Where Are You, Comrade Sidorov,
By Hersh Smoliar,
(I.L. Peretz Farlag, Tel Aviv, Israel, 1975)

Hersh Smoliar's book **Where Are You, Comrade Sidorov,** recently published in Israel, in Yiddish, is undoubtedly a work of first rate importance, inasmuch as it sheds new light on the period of Jewish life in Russia and Poland that began with the October Revolution and extended to the end of the Second World War.

Written in the form of an autobiographical novel, the book gives a kaleidoscopic view of many incidents, encounters and events that took place behind the scenes of significant social and political developments, yet are little known on this side of the Iron Curtain.

Hersh Smoliar himself was an active participant in all that he relates, and portrays from firsthand experience the anomalies and aberrations of the time, particularly those which reflect the precarious fate of the Jews and Jewish culture in the land of the October Revolution.

Imbued from his early youth with a fervent belief in the ideals of socialism, and ready to make every sacrifice in the struggle for a better world, Smoliar writes from the vantage point of insider. Yet, the reader will find a multitude of events related with an objectivity that makes the book a valuable source of historical truth, especially for the serious researchers of Jewish life of that period.

The author displays a fine narrative skill which helps to keep the reader's attention riveted to the story from beginning to end. He describes his own boyhood years as a member of the Komsomol at the height of the revolution, the flourishing of Yiddish culture, language and literature in the Soviet Union in the '20s, his return as a revolutionary to pro-Fascist Poland in the years preceding the Second World War, his participation in the underground movement there, the ordeals of arrest and prison, the war years, his experiences in the ghettos and as a fighter with the Partisans, and finally his second "homecoming" to the new Poland after the war, with fresh hopes of rebuilding a Jewish life on the ashes of the Holocaust.

Interwoven with many p e r s o n a l episodes, one finds a panorama of history making events as the author portrays a time of tremendous revolutionary upheaval, followed by the Stalinist dictatorship and reign of terror, and the growing apparition of anti-Semitism.

With touching candor and simplicity, Smoliar describes the creeping anti-Jewish hostility immediately following the defeat of the Nazis in Russia — a hostility that made itself felt towards the pitiful remnants of Jewish survivors, among them t h o s e returning from the woods and forests, and directed simultaneously against Jewish writers and artists.

The author relates a conversation with the Soviet Jewish writer Emmanuel Kazakowith and with the editor of the journal **Einikeit** (Unity), G. Zhiltz, during the course of which all three decide to commit suicide as an act of protest against the unbearable condition of the Jews in the newly liberated areas (e.g. The Ukraine and White Russia). Their plan was to place themselves in front of the headquarters of the Central Committee and fire a bullet each into his own head. Their decision was thwarted by the eminent writer, "Der Nister" who reprimands them for contemplating such an act.

In 1945 Smoliar left Russia to return to Poland — the country he left at the age of 14, to follow in the footsteps of Comrade Sidorov, a political commissar of a Red Army unit, whom he knew from his earliest days in the Komsomol and who became to the young man, a symbol of the highest ideals of the Revolution. However, the search proved to be in vain. Sidorov was never again to be found.

After countless bitter experiences Smoliar was inspired once more to face new challenges after the war, when a member of Polish political bureau in Moscow said to him "We in Poland are making a fresh start. We will do things differently." In the author's memory there lingered an earlier remark once made by the eminent Polish revolutionary and fighter against anti-Semitism, a contemporary and co-worker of Lenin, Julian Machblievsky.

"We in Poland will do it otherwise," to which Lenin replied — "and certainly far better than we did."

"How I longed to believe this"...ruminates Smoliar. How he longed to see a Jewish life built on new foundations, to be an example to all those who were deprived of their national rights.

Unfortunately, here too the author could never find the "Comrade Sidorov" he was seeking, and after 25 years he once again felt impelled to take the wandering stick and leave Poland for the last time.

The book **Where Are You, Comrade Sidorov** has appeared to date in three languages, Yiddish, Hebrew and Spanish (in Buenos Aires) and is soon to be published in English.

It represents a noteworthy achievement and a significant contribution to our understanding of a unique historical period — a period which so brutally annihilated a fighting generation, a period of terror and persecution of Jews who were the defenders and builders of Socialism.

Mr. Bainerman is a member of Congress' Book Month and Holocaust committees.

ask the rabbi

Orthodox forbid Cohen to wed a divorcee

1. Is there no way in which a Cohen can renounce his priestly descent in order to marry a divorcee?

Reform and Liberal rabbis do not follow the laws about Cohanim. Many Conservative rabbis in the U.S. will allow a Cohen to marry a divorcee because, they argue, we no longer take kindly to the idea that a Cohen is a superior type of person.

Another argument that is sometimes advanced is that there is no guarantee at all that those who claim to be Cohanim are really Cohanim. But I assume that your question is from the Orthodox point of view and here all Orthodox rabbis would agree that there is no way for a Cohen to marry a divorcee.

No one has ever suggested that, as you put it, a Cohen can renounce his priestly descent in order to marry a divorcee. Descent is a physical thing. It cannot be "renounced".

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What Really Happened

Difficulty experienced acquiring further assistance while Hirsch colonists faced second crop failure

By A.J. ARNOLD

(One of a series)

W.H. Baker, the clerk of Montreal's Young Men's Hebrew Benevolent Society, spent some time at the Hirsch colony in the spring of 1893. One of the first things he did was to write Chas. McDairmid, the former colony-manager, complaining about the accounts being mixed up. McDairmid replied and admitted neglect of the accounts while getting the colonists settled for the winter. "Some thought it better to have left the Jews to freeze or starve than to get behind in the accounts," he commented.

While Baker was out west, one of his main objectives was to get the colonists to sign mortgage liens for the loans which had been made to them. Most of them would not sign, however. When Baker was interviewed by **The Winnipeg Free Press** about the trouble at the colony, he reportedly stated that this refusal to sign for loans was the main problem. The settlers did not deny their debts but withheld their signatures in the hope of ensuring continued aid from the society.

The Free Press reported that in Baker's view "the only thing wrong with the people is that they were too well treated." Proven individual cases would get more help, he said, but "the settlers as a whole would not be fed for any lengthened period."

It was a government homestead inspector, M. O'Reilley Jarvis, who, at Baker's request, was assigned to carry out the signing of the liens. Jarvis did not condone the refusal of the settlers, but tried to explain their position, as well as that of the society. He made it clear that the colonists spent much of their first year advances on basic necessities because of the crop failure in 1892. On the other hand the colony records showed that the society had spent more than originally planned.

Jarvis blamed the friction among the settlers on the "pernicious advice of one of their Canadian neighbors" and on two or three of their own numbers. The Canadian neighbor was Wm. Lougheed, a justice of the peace from Bienfait, (10 miles from Hirsch) who had been visiting and counselling the colonists.

After Baker returned to Montreal, Lougheed took sworn affidavits of the "poor Jews" complaints and sent them to the Minister of the Interior who promptly informed the society in Montreal.

J. Sherman, YMHBS vice-president, replied to the minister, rejecting the settlers complaints, making various counter-complaints and charging too much outside interference. While he was acting for the president, Lewis Hart (a descendant of Aaron Hart) who was ill, Sherman was really reflecting the views of Baker, the ubiquitous clerk.

This resulted in the Dominion Lands office at Winnipeg ordering "a searching inquiry" into conditions at the colony by another homestead inspector, W.H. Allison, of Estevan.

In mid-September, Allison sent an urgent wired report that the colony was experiencing crop failure for the second year. He found conditions very bad and strongly recommended a commission of two to make a more thorough investigation including "a good man of their own faith and language."

In a further written report, Allison said the majority of the colonists were "industrious and well disposed people, capable of making good settlers." He emphasized however that the colony could not be successfully managed from Montreal. It needed an experienced man with the qualifications of a "good Indian farm instructor," business ability and tact in the management of men.

Allison said his own conclusions were limited because of the language barrier. Nonetheless it was clear that some settlers were destitute. Others who were better off were not always inclined to help those less fortunate. Even some basic amenities were lacking and "almost the entire colony was in a bad way for want of water."

The homestead inspector reported that about 45 families, averaging five per family, were then living at Hirsch, with another 20 families living outside the colony. About 10 acres of land per homestead had been broken and the average value of the buildings was $100. Allison also disclosed that in spite of all the hardships efforts were still being made to get the settlers to sign their mortgage liens.

Allison's findings were confirmed by J. Grutchfield, who had been left in charge of the colony by Baker. Grutchfield wrote the Winnipeg government agent at the end of October that supplies had run out as there was not much left in the store when Baker departed. "A great many of the people are in want of food and fuel," he stated. He had written repeatedly to Montreal without satisfaction.

Grutchfield's and Allison's reports were sent to Montreal where the YMHBS had just elected new officers. David Ansell, the new president, immediately advised the authorities that he was sending Lazarus Cohen, the new treasurer and colonization committee chairman, to investigate the situation at Hirsch.

Next: Lazarus Cohen to the rescue.

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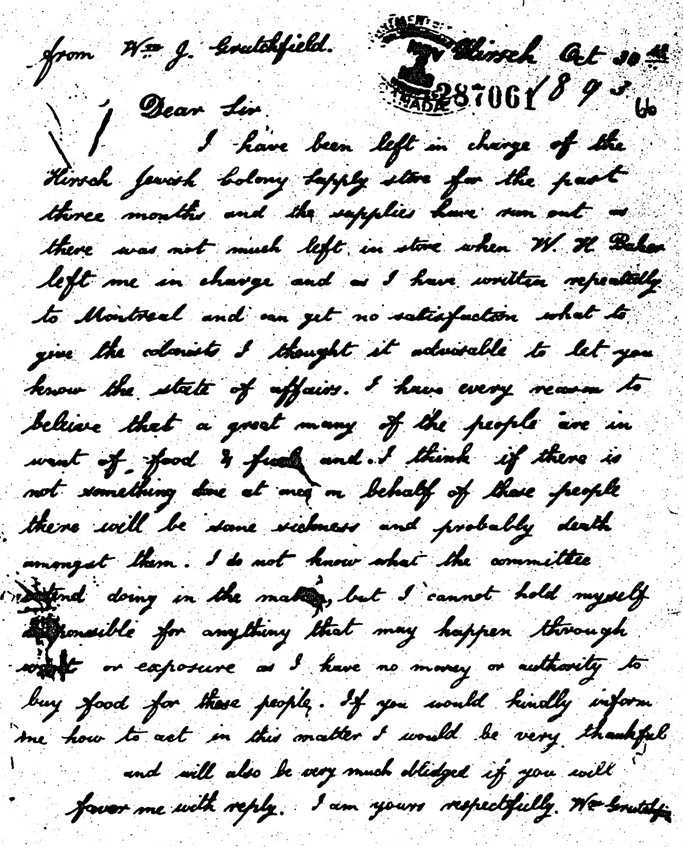


from Wm J. Grutchfield. Hirsch Oct 30 93

Dear Sir

I have been left in charge of the Hirsch Jewish Colony Supply store for the past three months and the supplies have run out as there was not much left in store when W. H. Baker left me in charge and as I have written repeatedly to Montreal and can get no satisfaction what to give the colonists I thought it advisable to let you know the state of affairs. I have every reason to believe that a great many of the people are in want of food & fuel and I think if there is not something done at once on behalf of these people there will be some sickness and probably death amongst them. I do not know what the committee intend doing in the matter, but I cannot hold myself responsible for anything that may happen through want or exposure as I have no money or authority to buy food for these people. If you would kindly inform me how to act in this matter I would be very thankful and will also be very much obliged if you will favor me with reply. I am yours respectfully. Wm Grutchfield

This is a copy of a letter written in October, 1893 by William J. Grutchfield, in charge of the Hirsch Colony, to a Winnipeg government agent. He said supplies were low.

British Mandate of Palestine was fraught with headaches

Landmark Events In Our History

By ROCHELLE CARR

The historic moment was made all the more memorable by the decision of Gen. Edmund Allenby to enter the Old City of Jerusalem, on foot. It was Dec. 11, 1917. After his British forces ousted the Turks, Allenby, so moved by the city of Jerusalem, chose to dismount from his horse and make his victorious entry into the Old City by walking through Jaffa Gate.

The moving moment, filled with the sense of victory, would be a sharp contrast to the events and emotions of May 14, 1948 when General Sir Alan Cunningham, the last British High Commissioner for Palestine, left the country, ending the British Mandate.

In a sense, British rule of Palestine, from Allenby's entrance to Cunningham's exit, was largely a reaction to events and aspirations that found its source several millennia earlier in history. Since 70 C.E., the Holy Land had been under Roman, Byzantine, Arab, Seljuk, Crusader, Mamluk, Ottoman and, now, British rule.

As well, three of the world's most powerful monotheistic faiths had reason to look to that country with special emotion. And, for one of them, the Jews, the historical sense of homelessness coupled with centuries of persecution were underlined when the guns of the Second World War also brought the horrors of the Holocaust.

By the time Allenby arrived, the framework had been set for a far more frustrating British administration of Palestine than most could see on the surface.

In October 1915, Henry McMahon, representing His Majesty's Government, sent the Hashemi family a note that assured them of Britain's support in recognizing Arab independence in certain parts of the Middle East in return for Arab sabotage against Turkish rule. The Arabs viewed the note as a type of Declaration of Arab Independence. On Nov. 2, 1917, Lord Balfour, representing His Majesty's Government, sent a note to the British Zionist Federation expressing British support for "the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people."

The stage had been set. As the national aspirations of the Arabs and Jews came more and more into focus, the British attempted to administer Palestine, first through a military administration and then, after June 30, 1920, with the express wish of the League of Nations, as a British Mandate.

The efforts of the seven British High Commissioners in Palestine were no match for the onrush of events that were shaping the future.

British administrative headaches came to an end in the early hours of May 14, 1948. Cunningham left Government House in Jerusalem and boarded a British aircraft-carrier anchored at Haifa. Shortly after midnight, a British band played "For Auld Lang Syne" and the ship set sail.

The British Mandate came to an end. The State of Israel was born.

This oil canvas, 'East Side Crowd', painted in ink on paper by Abraham Walkowitz in 1903, is one of the works included in the Jewish Museum's major exhibition, Jewish Experience in the Art of the 20th Century. The exhibit in New York, which continues till Jan. 25, includes more than 250 works by 110 artists. (Religious News Service photo)

'Head-in-sand policy' ends as civil defence training begins

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

REHEVOTH —

"Rockets are no more dangerous than ordinary bombs carrying the same quantity of high explosives," a civil defence officer told the residents of our apartment house this week at a special orientation meeting designed to prepare us for problems that might face the civilian population should war break out here once again.

The decision to hold such gatherings, ultimately to encompass every Israeli household, was a long time in coming.

Instead of readying civilians for possible air raids, even to the extent that this was done in Canada during the Second World War, the subject was seldom touched upon until now. Even air raid drills were few and far between, presumably for fear of frightening a population that knew only too well that the real thing could occur at any moment.

This head-in-the-sand policy did little harm as civilian areas were untouched during the Sinai Campaign and, with a few exceptions, also escaped damage in 1967 and 1973. However, with almost unstoppable rockets in plentiful supply all over the Arab world, the next round, if there is one, will probably be different.

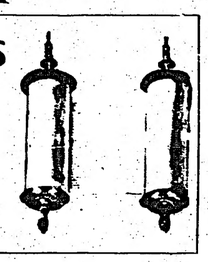
In preparation for this eventuality, people are being urged to take measures that will minimize casualties should bombs and rockets begin falling. Shelters, too often used as storehouses for wheelless baby carriages, doorless cupboards and sundry other junk are to be cleared out. First-aid kits and emergency food supplies are to be obtained. Special containers that will hold 10 gallons of water for every member of the household are to be purchased (but not yet filled). There are many other items on the civil defence check-list: camping stoves and blankets, candles and batteries, rope and burlap bags. It is even suggested that identification tags, particularly for children, be prepared.

A key feature of this new program is the selection of one person in every apartment house to be responsible for civil defence. This person, usually an older man or woman exempt from military service, is expected to ensure that the community shelter is in proper shape, and should there be a raid, that every resident of the building reaches the shelter. Moreover, if police headquarters, the local fire station, or the neighborhood clinic must be contacted in order to obtain assistance, this man (or woman) should know how to contact them.

Yet even now some preparatory measures are not being taken. Poison gas, which was used by the Egyptians in Yemen and might be employed again, is still a subject treated very gingerly. Civilians have not been taught how to use the masks and injection kits they will require should gas warfare begin. The masks and kits, sufficient for every man, woman and child, are in storage depots all over the country — and there they remain.

Raising of children in Yiddishkeit bring parents eminence when old

sparks from the torah



By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vayigash/Asarah v'teves (Sunday) Yaye'esor Yosef merkavto... And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet his father...

The Six-Million Dollar man may be expensive — but a few kinds words are worth even more...

Once Reb Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev visited a critically ill man. "Rebbe", he cried, "I'm going to the next world so empty handed I'm afraid what portion I'll get..." The Rebbe took his hand — "I promise you my portion in the world to come —" The man smiled and passed away shortly. His Chassidim wondered — to give away so much just for a few minutes encouragement? But the Rebbe explained — "my whole **olam haboh** is not worth as much as sparing a Jew a few minutes anguish..." (Ituray Torah)

Sometimes a tongue needs a seatbelt more than a sportscar does — once a word slips out, there's no way to put it back in. There's only one safety feature — when the Almighty is on a Jew's lips, it's hard to sneak out wrong words...

Consider...when Joseph revealed himself to his brothers, they weren't so impressed. He argued — "**v'heenay ainaychem ro'ot** — your eyes see that it is my mouth speaking **Lashon hakodesh,** the holy tongue... They wondered, though — big deal he knows Hebrew. Maybe he took an **ulpan** course somewhere — it's no proof he's a Jew...

But Joseph explained — "You don't understand — I don't just mean Hebrew, I mean the holy tongue. Whenever I say anything, I always stick in G—d... 'You didn't send me here, but G—d...' 'G—d has made me lord over Egypt...' And that's a sign I'm Jacob's son..." (Aznayim l'Torah)

How can a Jew say "I'll see you tomorrow... I'll see you next week..." without sticking in "**Im yirtzeh Hashem** — with G—d's help"? A man came running to the Chofetz Chaim — "Rebbe, the doctor says I have three months to live..." The saint calmed him. "I wish someone would promise me I have three months to live. I can't even guarantee I'll be alive tomorrow..."

Of course, pretty words are not enough — a little cash never hurts either. When Joseph sent word to his father he was alive, he sent along a few bottle of old wine — "**she'daas zkainim nochah haimenu** — that old men really enjoy..." But since when did Joseph join the LCBO — why didn't he send him a few books instead?

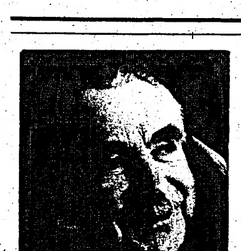
But it shows...Joseph told Jacob — "Don't think that just because you're old I think you're out of it. The older wine is, the better it is, and I know the older you get, the wiser you are..." (Mayonoh Shel Torah)

There's a catch though — you can't have fine old wine unless you start with good grapes. It takes more than a pension fund to have a happy old age. Children do not honor parents for what they have but what they are. When a Jew studies Torah all his life, and raises his family in Yiddishkeit, he is a king in old age...

There is no one like parents, no time like Shabbos, and no place like Eretz Yisrael.

Sparks from the Torah TV schedule: *Metro Cable, Mondays at 9; Wednesdays at 6; York Cable, Tuesdays at 8; Willow Downs Cable, Tuesdays at 8:30; Keeble Cable, Thursdays at 8.*

Let's escape it all for awhile — yes?



By J.B. SALSBERG

I find recent events on the world stage extremely hard to take. In fact, I find them so sickeningly depressing that I feel like throwing whatever comes to hand at the face of the world (which would be a childishly immature act) or turn my back on the world and try to escape it all (which is, of course, impossible for a sane person.)

So I compromised and decided to escape from the unattractive world political scene for awhile, for a short while — providing you will join me. Will you?

How does one escape? There are many established ways of doing that. Some just escape reality and end up in a mental hospital. That's not for us — we're too sane to attempt anything like that. Others escape via the liquor, drug or gambling routes. But that's not the road that nice Jewish boys and girls of any age will select. Then there are those who find it most gratifying to become completely immersed in business, or politics, or writing columns. But many who choose this form of escape suddenly find themselves asking why they are doing what they do and what it's all about. So this is hardly a satisfying form of escape.

My eminently sensible plan is that we not try long term or permanent escapes. We're too mature for such infantile escapades. What I propose is that we just turn our backs temporarily on the current unpleasant scene and roll back the years for a retrospective glance at things and people as they were a half-a-century or so ago, right here, in good old Toronto. It will be a sort of excursion into the past, so as to calm our nerves and regain strength to once again face-up to the lunacy of our times.

But I can already hear some happy-go-lucky alrightniks ask what's so bad about our world, anyway? They will proclaim that they are doing just fine, they are alright! So, by way of justifying my thesis that a brief retreat from this, so-called, best of all possible worlds is absolutely needed for all sane people I will pinpoint a few of the most glaring examples of global indecency and hypocrisy at the present.

— At the United Nations the cynical hawkers of the big lie about Zionism, Israel and the Jewish people generally are evidently determined not to be deterred by facts, historic evidence or moral considerations. Like Hitler, they are determine to repeat the big lie in the hope that enough people will be confused and disarmed so that they may pounce on the chosen victim with impunity. And the world? Which world?

— The Kremlin, that was originally proclaimed as the nerve centre for the liberation of all mankind, spawned and cynically launched the anti-Zionism campaign following the Six Day War that saved Israel from destruction by Moscow's favorites in the Arab world. It continues its nefarious activities in that part of the world right now just as it is permitting the publication of vile, anti-Semitic books and articles inside Russia. Moscow bears much responsibility for the prostitution of the UN.

— For those who are too sensitive for such harsh branding of Moscow let me further disturb their sensibilities with the following: The leaders of the largest Communist state in the world and, therefore, the leaders of the largest Communist party in the world — China — found it necessary to warn the U.S. president, on his visit to China last week, against the threat to world peace that comes from the Kremlin. Vice-Premier Teng Hsian-ping told the American visitors, "Today it is the country which most zealously preaches peace that is the most dangerous source of war." Good enough? Or should I say, bad enough?

— A U.S. Senate committee found last week that U.S. government agencies and some of the largest U.S. corporations directly and actively participated in the bloody overthrow of the democratically elected government of Salvador Allende in Chile. — Ech!

— Because of the natural resources in such "liberated" countries as Angola, Spanish Sahara etc. devastating "civil wars" are now raging. But behind the opposing native and foreign armies stand outside forces — dominated, financed and equipped by Russia, China, America, as well as by previously "liberated" African and Arab countries opposing each other... Take it away, please.

— Armed terrorists are invited to international conferences against crime... And a Canadian federal minister, (of the loins of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and, otherwise, a nice fellow) is given the embarrassing job of flying to Vancouver to convince a non-Jewish city council to withdraw its opposition to the planned UN Habitat conference on the grounds that they don't want the PLO delegation in their city. Gevalt!

Nu, enough, already! Who has the strength for more such items? So, let's retreat for a few weeks, you and I, in a short pilgrimage to the past. Don't worry, we will all be back safely. And the tortured world will wait for us. It will. Get ready.

Organizations and People

what's new...

By MIRIAM HERMAN

Three national executive members of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University (left to right): Dr. Ralph Halbert, vice-president and newly-elected treasurer; A.E. Diamond, Toronto Chapter president and newly-elected vice-president, and Chief Justice Samuel Freedman, Winnipeg, vice-president, get together at a meeting of the national council, executive and board, held in Toronto for the first time.

SYMPOSIUM IN HEBREW

A symposium, in Hebrew, on the topic **How to Strengthen Israel's Position Following the Interim Agreement,** takes place Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 8:30 p.m. at the Labor Zionist Alliance Centre on Viewmount Avenue. It is being co-sponsored by the LZA and the Keren Hatarbut Institute. Participating will be Miriam Ziev, Israeli vice-consul; Jack Israeli, Keren Hatarbut chairman, and Col. Israel Saar, JNF special emissary, with Henry Cohen-Sittayoun, LZA executive director, as moderator.

ISRAEL'S FESTIVAL

Israel's 5736 Festival, with a cast of more than 40 singers and dancers, comes to Toronto this Monday, the 15th, direct from New York's Madison Square Gardens. Their local appearance is under the auspices of the Parents Association of the Associated Hebrew Schools. The concert is at 8:30 p.m. at the Adath Israel Synagogue. Tickets may be obtained through the school offices or by calling - 487-7288.

TOGETHERNESS!

A subject much talked about these days — **Moving In Together** (An Alternative to Traditional Marriage) — will be dealt with at the Sunday, Dec. 14, meeting of the World of 'Y' Singles, scheduled for 8 p.m. at the north 'Y'. The theme will be set by sociologists Lynda Tribbling and Peter Kiviloo of Ryerson's Creative Divorce program, to be followed by panel discussions involving a lawyer, rabbi, psychologist and persons who are living together.

TEENAGERS HELP OTHERS

At the request of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Bialik Hebrew Day School pupils visited Jewish patients at Doctors and St. Michael's Hospitals during Chanukah. The four junior high students — Kim Finkelstein, Lisa Green, Bela Szelkowicz and Glenn Starkman — lit the Chanukah candles (the menorahs were provided by Congress), said the blessings and sang Yiddish and Hebrew songs. This was part of the junior high school student council's community involvement program.

GALICIANER ASSOCIATION

The Galicianer Association is having a real fun get-together, complete with buffet supper and door prizes, on Sunday, the 14th. All proceeds go to Israel. It begins at 7 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. For tickets, call Emil Kohl at 783-3740.

NEW LIBRARY PROGRAM

The North York Public Library is setting up a "writers" program to begin early in 1976. The idea is to promote a wider knowledge and acceptance of Canadian writers, and to stimulate potential authors of all ages and in all categories. There will be presentations of Canadians authors' works, as well as public programs featuring writers and workshops dealing with writing of all kinds.

HOSPITAL SYNAGOGUE

A reminder that Mount Sinai Hospital has prayer services every day at 7 a.m. in the newly-dedicated synagogue on the first floor.

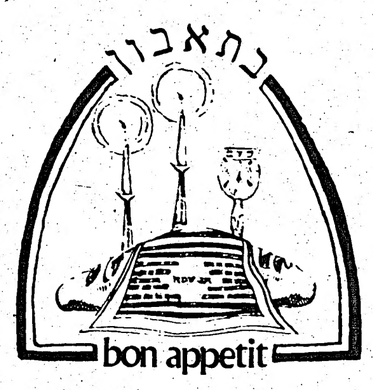
SINGLES PROGRAM

Another Sunday, Dec. 14, event is the discussion and dance planned by the Professional Club of the Labor Zionist Alliance for 8 p.m. at the LZA centre. Toronto lawyer Leonard Wise will talk about **Sex and the Law.** Dancing will follow the meeting.

HOLIDAY DEADLINE

In view of the holiday schedule, I will be at my desk all day Tuesday and until noon Wednesday, Dec. 22 and 23, (instead of the usual Thursday and Friday), for material for the Jan. 2 columns.

Preparing English tea is delicate art



By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM —

The true English tea, as portrayed in mid-19th century English novels, is a somewhat formidable affair. Somewhere between 4 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., the tinkle of a tiny silver hand bell would usher in the maid, housekeeper or butler to the drawing room, bearing a huge tray loaded with fussy Georgian silver: a teapot, water jug, milk jug and sugar bowl complete with tongs.

There would be a choice of hot, buttered crumpets, toast, or thin, thin cucumber sandwiches. Cherry or Madeira cake would be offered, and a plate of jam tarts would be a particular treat.

Naturally, the preparation of the tea itself is of paramount importance, almost approaching that of the Oriental tea ceremony. A blend of Indian teas is preferred — one containing Darjeeling tea is particularly favored.

The water must be freshly boiled or the tea will taste flat. When the water is boiling, pour about half a cup of water into the teapot and rinse it out to warm it, throwing the water away afterwards. Next, add a heaped teaspoon of tea for each person — some people add "one for the pot" if the blend used is not strong enough for their taste.

(Incidentally, there is nothing wrong with tea bags, provided that you use good-quality ones with a sufficient quantity of strong tea in them. Otherwise, you are likely to end up with an insipid cup of boiled, barely colored milk-and-water, which you should on no account offer to English friends — unless you want to forfeit their friendship).

Next, pour on the boiling water and allow to "draw" for three to five minutes. Fill the water jug with hot water, which is used to replenish the teapot, or to tone down too strong a brew.

To serve, pour a little milk (not, absolutely not, cream) into the cup and pour on the hot tea through a strainer, if necessary, topping up with a little hot water if it looks too strong. Sugar can be taken, according to taste.

Few things could be more English than jam tarts for tea. My mother, who now lives in Jerusalem, still makes them for special tea time occasions.

Of course, English-style tea time is seldom observed in Israel. At that hour, most people will have a cup of coffee or a glass of tea without milk, and a slice of cake or a few cookies to tide them over to the evening meal.

The tarts my mother makes are truly worthy of the Queen of Hearts, the pastry is light and delicious. Make them in quantity: they tend to vanish quickly.

English Jam Tarts

2 cups flour
1/2 cup margarine
pinch salt
1 egg yolk
1 tsp. sugar

1. in a bowl, beat the egg yolk together with a few tsps. of water, adding the sugar. With finger-tips, mix flour, salt and margarine together, until the consistency of fine breadcrums, then add the yolk mixture

2. knead the dough in the bowl with the palm of the hand, until it leaves the sides of the bowl and forms a loose ball. Add a few drops of cold water if the dough is too hard

3. sprinkle a board thickly with flour and roll out dough thinly. Cut into rounds with a frilly biscuit cutter (2" diameter approx.). Grease muffin tins, and press dough into place, pressing in with the finger so that the dough is thin on the bottom

4. bake at 425° for about 12 mins. or until a light gold. Should the bottoms rise during baking, just press them flat with the underside of a teaspoon. Turn out of the tin and allow to cool on a cooling rack. To serve: place tsp. of best-quality strawberry jam in the centre of each tart, and top with a generous dab of whipped sweet cream. Makes about 35 tarts

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Shabbat Shalom!

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Golden-agers pride renewed through art at AJCS program

By KATHLEEN KENNA

MONTREAL —

No one grows old. Creativity is not limited to any age group. Everyone has something to offer.

These are the sort of maxims that pop unabashedly from Anne Greenstein, art department director of the Allied Jewish Community Services Golden Age Club in Montreal.

The art department under Mrs. Greenstein's direction features classes in graphics, painting, macrame, tapestry, printmaking, weaving, sculpture and ceramics, and is notable for the fact that all its members are senior citizens. Few ever tried their hand at arts or crafts before retirement.

Mrs. Greenstein and her volunteer staff operate on the strength of love, inspiration, enthusiasm and faith. They believe that anything is possible for senior citizens in the bright little Golden Age workshop. Once hands touch wool, clay, a paint brush or the potter's wheel, a new creativity and skill is unleashed, according to the director.

The continual process of teaching, learning, co-operation and creation evolve into satisfaction and pride for golden-agers who have forgotten their creativity or who have been told by society that they are useless or unproductive in their senior years.

"We have to accept them as useful people," explains Mrs. Greenstein. "So few people get this kind of acceptance. Society conditions them to think that with retirement their usefulness diminishes. We stress that retirement is an opportunity to do what you always wanted to do in life."

Over 300 golden-agers have participated in the various art workshops offered by the AJCS department this year; close to 70 of these were represented at an art exhibition and sale held Nov. 30 to Dec. 8.

The articles now being catalogued for the show are of a professional quality, showing unique insight and emotion.

Sculpted pieces predominantly feature people: free flowing forms of mothers with children; carefully detailed groups of youngsters dancing in joy.

Most of the oil paintings and prints feature either landscapes or more abstract subjects, varying from vibrant colors and definite lines to more muted shades and soft forms.

...about people

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein of New York will be giving an illustrated lecture on Jewry in the Soviet Union this Tuesday, Dec. 16, at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. The rabbi recently visited the USSR on behalf of both the Rabbinical Council of America Commission and the New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. The slide presentation gives a first-hand account of life in a Russian synagogue and describes, in detail, the lives of two activities who were married by the rabbi when he was in Leningrad during the High Holy Days. The meeting, co-sponsored by the synagogue's Adult Education Institute and the Canadian Committee on Soviet Jewry, is at 8 p.m.

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The unveiling of the gravestone of **Dr. Mordecai Sandberg,** physician, artist and composer, took place last Sunday at Dawes Road Cemetery. Dr. Sandberg was an associate fellow of Stong College at York University when he died in December, 1973. He had given up a successful medical practice to devote his life to music and, in addition to inventing several special instruments, left an impressive number of compositions. Rabbi Shmuel Stauber, of Congregation B'nai Torah, officiated at Sunday's ceremony. Among those present were university colleagues Dean and Mrs. Sydney Eisen and Professors Virginia Rock, Austin Clarkson and Moise Shimrat; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pollock and Mr. and Mrs. Tadeusz Jaworski. Dr. Sandberg's wife, Hannah Sandberg, is presently artist-in-residence at the college.

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A former Torontonian has made the news in several papers in the U.S. and elsewhere. An item about **Moshe Silverman,** son of local realtor **Harry Silverman,** appeared in **The Washington Post** recently, and was picked up by hundreds of newspapers the world over. What is it all about? Well, the 28-year-old rabbi is Hassid-in-residence at the University of Maryland's Hillel Foundation. And, he says, as far as he knows, he is the only one in the U.S., and perhaps the world. As Hassid-in-residence the Lubavitch rabbi "makes about four or five hundred students feel better about their Judaism" with a pretty good record in making them traditionally observant and in dissuading intermarriages. As a youngster in Toronto he attended Eitz Chaim and Ner Israel Yeshiva, and was ordained at the Rabbinical College of Canada in Montreal.

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A one-man show by Toronto artist **Martin Berkovitz** opens the new Gallery One this Saturday evening. The 30-year-old painter, whose works have appeared in numerous exhibits in town and abroad, is displaying about 15 oils (same as large as 15x10 feet) on mythological themes. The new gallery on north Bathurst Street is the brainchild of sisters-in-law **Sharon Fischstein,** who will be looking after the business-end of the deal, and Ontario College of Art graduate **Goldie Konopny.** The show runs to Jan. 25.

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The well-known expert on the Middle East, **Rev. Douglas Young,** gave an eyewitness account of the current situation there at Beth Sholom Synagogue last Saturday morning. Dr. Young is president of the American Institute of Holy Land Studies in Jerusalem. He was introduced by Ontario Attorney-General **Roy McMurtry** and thanked by **Rabbi David Monson.**

El Al opens up office in Romania

BUCHAREST —

El Al has opened its new office here. The official opening ceremony was attended by Israel's Ambassador to Romania, Yonation Cohen, leading officials of TAROM, the Romanian national airline, heads of the Jewish community and civic leaders.

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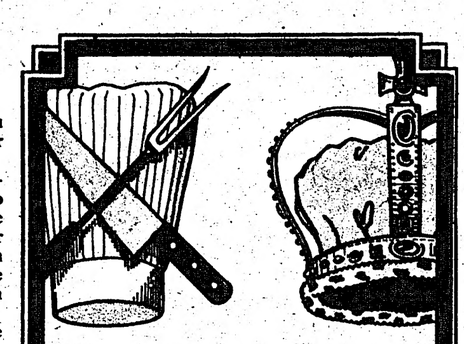

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Beverley Gordon, chairman of UJA women's division.

Beverley Gordon untiringly chairs women's division

Novel fund-raising techniques employed

TORONTO —
Jewish pride is best manifested in the way we respond to the needs of fellow Jews, says Beverley Gordon, 1976 chairman of the United Jewish Appeal women's division. For Mrs. Gordon, that response means putting everything you've got into the task at hand, which is raising funds for Israel and the local Jewish community.

Since assuming the position of women's division chairman last summer, she has met almost non-stop with her executive, preparing and running a campaign that has originated many new fund-raising techniques for Toronto.

Among the innovations this year was the distribution of several hundred "$365" boxes, which were given out to women to keep in their homes for one year. "This is a painless way to upgrade the lower category contributor," Beverley Gordon said. "Most women can relate to $1 a day."

Education has been a major factor in the 1976 campaign. "A thoroughly knowledgeable canvasser is an effective one." Early in October, Passport to Oakdale consisted of an all-day educational seminar for new and seasoned canvassers, at which Ilene and Albert Friedman, a pro team from Chicago, combined a lecture with practical demonstrations on the best methods of approaching prospects.

A new division, Ramah Chai, for contributors of $1,800 and over, was formed this year. TV personality Monty Hall made his first fund-raising appearance in Toronto for a Ramah ($1,000 minimum) luncheon meeting, which attracted a large turnout.

A smashing success for the division was the annual UJA Day on Nov. 6, where the topic of the day was **The Arab Threat... here and now.** In the planning stage is a UJA Night for working women and others unable to attend a daytime meeting. Originally scheduled for December, this event has been postponed until February because of the postal strike.

Beverley Gordon first became a UJA canvasser in 1966 and quickly worked her way up to the top. Her husband Robert, is chairman of the UJA furniture group and is as deeply involved in Jewish communal affairs as his wife. Both joined the recent Toronto UJA President's Mission to Israel, their third trip to the Jewish state.

"The mission was a reawakening for me," said Mrs. Gordon. Her personal impressions of that trip were eloquently expressed in a keynote speech she made at UJA Day, in which she told the audience of her day to day experiences and of the Israelis she met and spoke with from all walks of life. "This mission made me realize more forcefully than ever, that giving is our only essence of partnership with Israel."

Beverley Gordon was born and educated in Toronto and grew up in a home where both her parents identified strongly with Judaism. Her father was president of his synagogue and her mother is an active member of Hadassah and has worked for Mount Sinai Hospital over the years. Beverley is immediate past chairman of the Hadassah Bazaar, which attracts thousands of bargain-seeking Torontonians annually. The Gordons have two children, Errol, 21 and Judy who is 18.

As in the overall campaign, the goal in 1976 is a minimum increase of 25% across all categories for the women's division. "The dollar no longer buys what it did and UJA is Israel's prime source of funds for non-military purposes. The UN resolution on Zionism should awaken every Jew to the stark realities of what is happening in the world," Mrs. Gordon said. "There is no end to our responsibilities in helping Israel grow and improve its quality of life. That's what being Jewish is all about. The future of Jews everywhere depends on faith and total involvement, and as women, we too have a duty to ensure Israel's future well being as a viable homeland for all of us."

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More effort needed to combat UN resolutions, record turn out agrees at welfare fund assembly

TORONTO —
When Jews are more worried than usual, as they are now, it is customary for them to assemble in great numbers at one central point to discuss the problems of the Jewish people.

It is no surprise, then, that the recent General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations & Welfare Funds had a record attendance. The United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto, which is allowed 12 official delegates (who attend at their own expense), usually has difficulty in convincing half that number to attend. This year, there were close to 30 who attended as delegates and alternates.

The G.A., as it is popularly known, is the largest Jewish assembly of its kind in North America. It is the place where Jewish communities from all over the United States and Canada discuss their mutual problems, exchange ideas and develop new policies which eventually are adapted and adopted by the communities.

The Canadian delegation met at a special session, under the chairmanship of Phil Granovsky, to discuss the recent developments at the UN and their effect on Canada and decided more effort should be expended by the Canada-Israel Committee to deal with the problem.

The delegation agreed that: there is not enough knowledge of the Canada-Israel Committee in general; we have failed to educate not only the non-Jewish community, but the Jewish community as well; it is incumbent upon the CIC to reach all the Jewish communities across Canada and Jewish community leaders must use their political influence with their local industry, the media, and political leaders.

A resolution passed by the entire assembly calls on the governments of the United States and Canada "to intensify efforts to gain for the Jews of the Soviet Union their constitutional right to live in that country as Jews, and to emigrate to Israel and other lands." Similar action is urged for Syrian Jews.

One of the most interesting sessions at the assembly dealt with the world Jewish community. This year, representatives from Mexico and Brazil attended and, because their countries voted for the UN resolution on Zionism, were subjected to considerable questioning in an attempt to ascertain the true feelings of their governments.

Dealing with social problems, the delegates expressed alarm at the effect of inflation and unemployment on Jewish families, children and the elderly. "The reduction in the purchasing power of the dollar has had a critical impact on those with fixed, low incomes, especially the aged," stressed one of the resolutions adopted. "The increase in the unemployed seriously affects large numbers of Jewish wage earners."

In a discussion on Jewish education it was pointed out that North American Jews are annually investing hundreds of millions of dollars on Jewish education and culture. Jewish federations have increased allocations for local education in their own communities by 155% since 1966 — the largest increase for any local service.

One resolution called on communities to apply the same criteria in the selection of men and women for highest Jewish communal responsibilities...and to carry out a policy of non-discrimination. The facts collected by the CJF reveal that one of every 20 federation presidents, one of six vice-presidents, one of six members of executive committees is a woman. "Women remain our greatest underutilized resource," the assembly concluded.

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Vote by UN 'won't affect emigration'

By S.K. LAZAROV

TORONTO —
Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union to Israel will not be affected by the recent UN General Assembly vote equating Zionism with racism, in the view of a high Jewish Agency official responsible for immigration.

Yehuda Dominitz, deputy director of the Agency's department of immigration and absorption, affirmed in an interview here that he cannot perceive any connection whatsoever between the anti-Israel resolution and aliyah.

In the aftermath of the UN vote, there was speculation in Western diplomatic circles that the Soviet government would exploit the anti-Zionist resolution in order to crack down on Soviet Jews wishing to immigrate to Israel.

But Dominitz, fresh from a tour of Western Europe to inspect aliyah centres there, discounted rumors to the effect that the United Nations action would give the Russians a legal justification to stamp out dissidents and the aliyah movement.

"In 1947 Soviet UN delegate Andrei Gromyko made pro-Zionist statements and there was no aliyah," he noted. "And when we had diplomatic relations with the Russians there was no immigration either. The pressure will come from inside and outside Russia. And it will have a far greater impact on the Soviets than the UN resolution."

In the meantime, Israel will continue to attempt to bring governmental and public opinion around to appreciate Israel's compelling need for new immigrants, he said.

Dominitz, a 49-year-old native of Czechoslovakia who arrived in Palestine with Youth Aliyah in 1939, believes that the re-establishment of relations between Jerusalem and Moscow will in all probability ease current Soviet restrictions on Jews wanting to leave the country.

Re-establishment of relations, Dominitz thinks, will ultimately alter the Soviets' hardline attitude toward free immigration. When asked to state how many of the 3,000,000 Jews might take advantage of a more liberal atmosphere, he said some 10 to 15% might want to emigrate.

Although immigration figures for this year are disappointing in comparison to other years, Dominitz expressed optimism over the future course of aliyah. He said that in the last few months immigration has accelerated somewhat because of poor economic conditions in North America and Western Europe and because the military situation in the Middle East has stabilized.

Referring specifically to Canada, Dominitz said Israel expects some 230 Canadian olim to settle in the Jewish state this year. Four hundred went in 1973. "I'll be pleased if we can attract 500 Canadians every year," he disclosed.

Despite the small numbers of Canadians and Americans contemplating aliyah, Dominitz pointed out that there was reason for hope because since the Yom Kippur War fewer North Americans have returned home after failing to adopt themselves to life in Israel.

In an effort to educate Israelis on the importance of aliyah, he revealed, the army teaches raw recruits a course on the relationship between the well-being of Israel and the necessity of immigration. "Believe me, if you tell Israelis they'll have to do less reserve military duty because immigrants will take up the slack, they'll understand what aliyah means to the country."

Mrs. A. B. (Sophie) Bennett, (centre), honorary president of Women's Canadian ORT, blows out candles of 80th birthday cake, at ORT affair. A scholarship is being established in her honor. Others (from left) are Anne Climans, Chahine Levine, Toni Eckhaus and Magda Collins.

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Shalev is a career diplomat starting in 1951 as first secretary at the Embassy of Israel in Washington. From 1961-65 he was Consul General in Los Angeles and in 1965 became Israel's Ambassador to Ghana. After a number of important positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Israel he became Minister at the Embassy in Washington, D.C.
In November, 1975, he arrived in Canada to take up his post as Ambassador of Israel to Canada.
Chaver Shalev is married and has 3 children.

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HISTADRUT IN ACTION

HARRY MENDELBAUM ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED ORGANIZATIONS FOR HISTADRUT

At a recent Annual Conference, Harry Mandelbaum was elected President of The United Organizations for Histadrut.

As a youth in Poland, Harry Mandelbaum was active in the Chalutz Movement. At the outbreak of World War II, he left his home in Lodz to enlist in the Polish army, with whom he fought in defense of Warsaw. Escaping to Russia with the defeated Poles, Harry Mandelbaum fought on with the Polish army in Russia, where he took part in the battle of Stalingrad and in the heroic action at Lenino. When the Russians and Poles finally marched into Berlin Harry Mandelbaum was among them. Promoted to officer's rank, he was the recipient of the highest decorations awarded by the Polish army for valorous service.

Remaining in Germany for a short period after the war, Harry Mandelbaum was active in the organization of former army men and a member of the Jewish Committee in Landsburg.

In 1947 he emigrated to Canada where he immediately became involved in Jewish communal life. A member of the Sunnyside Lodge, I.O.O.F., he is a Past Noble Grand of that organization and an executive member of the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Holocaust Committee. An ardent supporter of the State of Israel, Harry Mandelbaum has been for many years an active member of the United Organizations for Histadrut and, as its newly-elected President, will intensify his efforts on behalf of Israel and the Jewish community.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL, U.O.F.H. BUILDS UNDERGROUND MEDICAL CENTRE IN ISRAEL

The Women's Council of the United Organizations for Histadrut is not a large group compared to other women's organizations in the city. But, it can be said without qualification, that it is extraordinary — extraordinary in the energy and dedication of its membership in the cause of Israel.

The contributions which the Women's Council has made in the past to the State of Israel through Histadrut are manifold. They have sponsored Amal Scholarships, purchased an ambulance, raised funds for Kupat Holim and contributed to every project built in Israel through the Histadrut. Recently an appeal was received from a settlement in the Golan Heights, Kibbutz Gadot, for help in building an underground Medical Centre. Situated near the Syrian Border, Kibbutz Gadot is extremely vulnerable to attack and, during the Yom Kippur War, suffered many casualties due to the lack of on-the-spot medical care for its wounded.

In response to this appeal, the Women's Council has committed itself to raising the funds required to build the underground Medical Centre so urgently needed by Kibbutz Gadot.

Ways and means of raising funds for the project have already been formulated and the first function, the proceeds from which will go to the Underground Medical Centre, is a Gala New Year's Dance to take place at the Associated Hebrew School Dec. 31st.

Special appreciation for their efforts must be extended to the newly-elected officers, Mesdames Fay Gold, President; Riva Rutman, Vice-President; Gutta Boimal, Treasurer; Helen Gordon, Secretary; Rachel Besserman, Social Chairman; Past President, Minna Peters and members of the executive Ruth Gutholc and Mira Soer, and others.

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Organizations and People

Immigrants helped to achieve sense of belonging through outing to Ottawa organized by JIAS

By SHEILA CLENMAN

OTTAWA —
Male and female, they ranged in age from four to 75. They spoke nine languages between them and came from countries as diverse as Morocco, Russia and Romania.

What they did have in common, however, was that they are all recent Jewish immigrants to Canada and that they all participated in a recent trip to Ottawa.

The outing was part of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Service's (JIAS) integration program for new immigrants to this country.

Leaving Montreal by bus and by car with a JIAS board member and with nine staff members, the group of 150 immigrants reached Ottawa at about 11 a.m. Upon arrival, they were given a tour of the House of Commons.

They were then addressed briefly by Barney Danson, the urban affairs minister. He mingled with the group for about an hour afterwards — talking and answering questions.

One of the main topics of concern was the problem of finding cheap and suitable housing.

Danson was visibly moved by the experience. He, himself, is the grandson of Russian Jews who came to this country about 100 years ago.

A highlight of the day was the lunch at the Ottawa Jewish Community Centre. It was followed by entertainment and lively singing and dancing — in which the whole group participated.

According to Philip Magder, one of the co-ordinators of the project, it was the first such trip in recent memory. However, it was so successful it will most likely be repeated.

Finances for the excursion did not come from general JIAS funds, but from contributions made by members of the community specifically for the occasion.

JIAS itself, is a social agency for Jewish immigrants arriving in Canada. Aside from this trip, which was one facet of their integration program, JIAS also provides financial assistance and counselling.

Urban Affairs Minister Danson (centre) poses in front of Parliament with a group of Jewish immigrants to Canada brought to visit Ottawa by JIAS in Montreal.

Winter Festival of Judaism

Students tour landmarks

voice of youth

By JEFFREY LIPSITZ

A Winter Festival of Judaism, a retreat for Jewish students from the small communities of Ontario, has been planned from Wednesday, Dec. 31 to Sunday, Jan. 4 in Toronto.

Judging by a preliminary program outline released by the sponsors (B'nai B'rith Youth Organization and the Aaron Hart Lodge of B'nai B'rith, in co-operation with the Central Region of Canadian Jewish Congress and the Toronto Board of Jewish Education), a very thorough weekend is planned, taking in all Toronto Jewish landmarks, and including interesting study sessions on diverse aspects of Judaism.

At the time of writing this column the schedule is only tentative, but according to that schedule the 70-75 (maximum) participants, 14 to 17-years-old, would arrive in Toronto around 10 a.m. on the first day, Wednesday, for an orientation session, followed by a study session; Group A would discuss **What Is a Mitzvah?** Group B would discuss **What Do Jews Believe?** Each group would "trade" topics for the afternoon session.

On the afternoon of the first day, students would view the film **Rachel,** and a segment from the now-defunct television series **Bridget Loves Bernie,** about the intermarriage of a middle-class Jewish boy and an upper-class Catholic girl, in New York City.

That evening there would be entertainment, a sports program, and Israeli folk-dancing.

Thursday, the group would again split up for a study session, this time on Israel. While Group A dealt with **Geography, Economics, Political Parties & Government** of Israel, Group B would deal with **Culture, Education, Communications and Minorities** in the Jewish state.

Thursday afternoon the group would see the film **This Golden Land,** followed by sessions on **Keeping Kosher: How and Why** (Group A) and **Death and Mourning in Jewish Law** (Group B).

The highlights of Friday morning would be visits to the Beth Tzedec Museum, Jewish Public Library, Baycrest Heritage Museum, Stroli's, Jewish book stores, and Sova Restaurant for lunch.

After lunch, in preparation for Shabbat, the group would discuss **The Laws of Shabbat,** followed by study sessions on Israel; a repeat of Thursday's subjects, with each group now doing the other group's topic of the previous day.

Friday night's Oneg Shabbat topics for discussion would be one or more of the following: **Can One Remain a Jew in Canada Today?, Why Is Zionism Not Racism?,** or **Judaism and Christianity.**

Discussion Shabbat afternoon would centre around **The Ten Commandments** for Group A, and **The Ethics of the Fathers** for Group B. Following a movie on anti-Semitism later that night (a segment from the television series **Medical Centre**), the group would visit one of Toronto Jewish youth's Saturday night "hangouts", namely Mati's Fallafel House. Every minute of Saturday night would be taken advantage of; a kumzitz, with "stories by candlelight" would follow the trip to Mati's, and would last to midnight.

Sunday morning's session for each of Groups A and B would be the alternate of the groups' topics of Thursday afternoon. In the afternoon, the topics for discussion for Group A and B respectively would be **Parchment Pieces — A Study of the Mezuzah, T'fillin and Sefer Torah** (using filmstrips), and **Jewish Marriage and Divorce.** Later that afternoon the groups would switch these two topics.

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Thirty Beth Tikvah USYers were in Montreal last weekend for a shabbaton with the Shaar Shalom chapter of Chomedy Laval. Some of the highlights of the program, reported by Beth Tikvah Youth Co-ordinator, Rabbi Yosi Derman, were a sightseeing tour of downtown Montreal, including the Olympic site and Notre Dame Cathedral, and shopping on St. Catherine Street.

The Shaar Shalom chapter has been invited for a return visit in the spring.

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Campus paper 'Masada' publishes winter issue, but finances dwindling

By TOBA KORENBLUM
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The newly independent student newspaper **Masada** has published its winter issue despite the withdrawal of funds from its formal co-sponsors, B'nai B'rith Hillel at the University of Toronto and York University's Jewish Student Federation.

Financed by private backers, **Masada** editors admit their shoe-string budget has seriously been depleted and in their latest 13-page issue, published at a cost of $2,000, appeal to their readers for support.

"Masada is the last and longest-lived magazine of its kind in Canada," wrote its editors in the recent edition of the seven-year-old publication, "and it will die in the wake of all those anti-Jewish publications which are becoming more prominent because their communities see fit to support them."

At the root of this public plea lies a still-smouldering controversy between **Masada** and its former financial backers. Editor Norman Doidge still claims the magazine's pro-Zionist, anti-'establishment' critiques spurred the break with Hillel and JSF. His opponents argue the campus publication failed to democratically involve a wide spectrum of students and viewpoints.

The bitter dispute between the campus magazine and the Jewish student groups has not waned since the two formally parted company in October. Hillel and JSF have already granted backing to a group of 20-25 students to produce a campus newspaper under the supervision of a "publishing review board." Commenting on **Masada**'s editorial philosophy, Hillel director Ben Mayer remarked: "Freedom of the press was carte blanche." The new publication, he added, is not directed at "the avoidance of controversy, but at accountability."

The review board will be composed of 10 York and U of T students, unaffiliated with the paper, along with Mayer and JSF director Lou Garber as advisors.

When asked whether the board would have veto power over editorial material Mayer commented: "We are hoping for consensus." Garber concurred, explaining the review board is not intended to act as censor, but rather offers "the right to preview and discuss material."

Both hedged when further pressed as to whether any editorial copy reviewed by the 10 students could be refused.

Following the October break with Hillel and JSF, **Masada** editors refused to accede to stipulations for a renewal of funding which called for an established editorial board and policy, labelling such "interference" a violation of freedom of the press.

Yet, despite the formal falling-out between the two parties, a war of words continues to be waged.

Masada editors accuse their former sponsors of "obstructionism." Doidge charges Garber with deliberately confiscating copies of the magazine at the York campus — an accusation which Garber vehemently denies as blatantly false.

Mayer is also reproached by Doidge for taking art boards, valued at $600, from the paper's printers, forcing the magazine staff to remake pages for the winter issue — the edition funded by private sources. Mayer answers the rebuke by claiming the reclamation of the material, paid by Hillel and JSF, "is not theft, but rightful ownership."

Another bone of contention between the independent paper and its former financial backers centres on the use of the Masada name. Editor Doidge claims it for himself, while Garber and Mayer insist the name is rightfully theirs, as the title of the magazine historically published by Hillel and JSF. Said Garber: "It shows the unfortunate lack of maturity and sensitivity on the part of college students."

Mayer was also irritated by the publication of a private letter to Doidge which appeared in print, in the new winter issue. The letter, critical of Doidge's tactics and a chastisement of the controversial fall issue, was printed, said Mayer, "in violation of confidentiality."

Partly in an attempt to defuse the heated debate and appease Hillel and JSF, **Masada** ran three small promotional ads for the student groups in the winter issue — a move which surprised both Garber and Mayer. "Maybe they are hoping for further support," wondered Garber.

But both factions make it clear they are content to remain at a distance. Admits Doidge: "We will have to subsist on the support we have."

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El Al to purchase fourth 747

By BEN MEIR

The decision of the Israel government to authorize El Al's purchase of a fourth boeing 747 is seen as top support for the carier's expansion program and the importance of the airline within the framework of the Israel economy. El Al's newest jumbo will be a "C" version, which can be adapted for either passenger or freight, or a combination of both.

The latest jumbo in the El Al fleet — it already has three — will be delivered late this year and according to present plans, it will function during the winter months as an all-freighter. The Boeing 747C is fitted with the latest Pratt and Whitney Dash-7 engines, considered the most powerful on today's commercial airliners. These engines enable the carrying of a full complement of 400 passengers non-stop between New York or Montreal and Tel-Aviv, in both directions.

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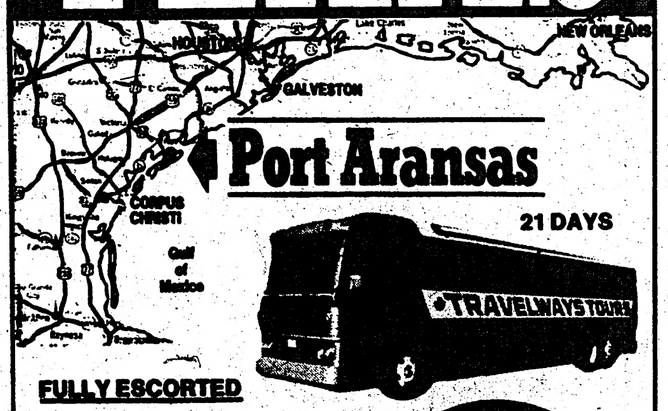

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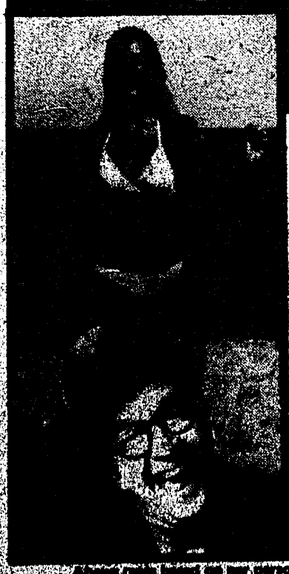
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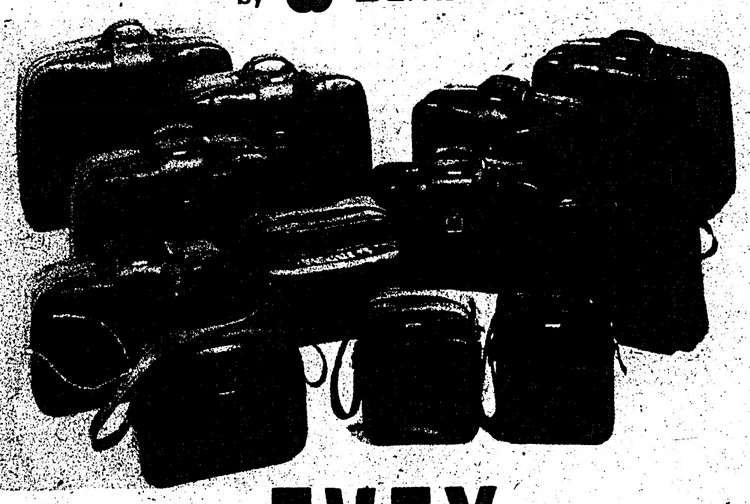
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Among the 50 Torontonians attending Lubavitch celebration in New York were (from left) Sam Urbus, Laibel Oster, Mendle Green and Rabbi Z. A. Grossbaum.

Israel's Shalev praises Chamber

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ultimate responsibility to history.

Drawing on the events which led to World World II, Shalev remarked there were parallels between today's situation in the Middle East and the appeasement policies followed by the West towards the Third Reich.

Israel, he stressed, will not be coerced into solutions that threaten her security and existence.

A veteran of the Israeli foreign service who has served in the United States and Africa, Shalev conceded that under the present circumstances the Jewish state faces "one of the most difficult international situations" since 1948. But in spite of her "relative isolation," he said, Israel will emerge from this crisis intact because she is endowed with "one great quality" that is the key to her survival — "faith, trust and an absolute confidence in the justice of our cause..."

In his speech, Shalev did not pinpoint the countries whose votes have isolated Israel at various political, economic and social forums, but he expressed full confidence in the capacity of Israel's friends to come to her aid. He said that since his posting in Ottawa, he has found "much sympathy and understanding" for Israel.

Shalev said that the rupture in diplomatic tiés between Israel and all but two of the black African states was a function of the Africans' submission to pressure "and even terror." A number of African heads of state, he disclosed, were threatened with death if they did not cut off relations with Jerusalem.

Voicing a glimmer of optimism, Shalev revealed that some African lands are "looking for opportunities" to reestablish links with Israel, and that a substantial number of them opposed the UN resolution on Zionism and racism. Head counts, he added, do not always reflect real attitudes toward Israel nor are they an indicator of how the people actually feel.

On the question of the Palestinians, Shalev warned that Israel cannot afford to talk to the PLO because it seeks to destroy a sovereign country. "To suggest that we negotiate with them is to suggest that we negotiate our own destruction," he noted.

Shalev defended Israel's retaliation policy by saying that on occasion Israel had to answer force with force. He was probably referring to the latest Israeli air raids against Palestinian camps in southern Lebanon. The strikes were launched in reaction to a PLO blast in Jerusalem that killed seven civilians and a Palestinian foray against a settlement on the Golan Heights which resulted in the death of three soldiers.

Paying tribute to the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry, he said it was of "great intrinsic value" to his country because of its function in promoting trade between Ottawa and Jerusalem and in being an effective spokesman for Israel.

Shalev said Israel was appreciative of the recent $100 million credit from Canada, but hoped to receive additional economic credits. He stated that the agreement to eliminate double taxation would undoubtedly facilitate trade.

On another economic front, Shalev said the devaluation of the Israeli pound, together with Israel's accord with the European Economic Community, would have the effect of strengthening her economy and boosting exports.

Ray Wolfe, who was re-elected president of the Chamber, said the import-export figures show that Israel has a trade imbalance with Canada. In 1974 Israel exported $27.9 million worth of goods to Canada, but the latter chalked up sales of $52.3 million. This year up to June, Israel has sold Canada $14.2 million worth of products while Canada has exported goods in excess of $28 million in the same period.

Despite the statistics, he said, a growing number of Canadian firms are displaying an interest in Israel. He cited companies such as Babcock & Wilcox Ltd., Canadian Pacific Hotels and Labatt Breweries.

Among other officers elected at CICC annual meeting were: Charles Bronfman, Montreal; Douglas Cudney, Oakville; J.M. Douglas, Cambridge; Harold Greenberg Montreal; I.C. Pollack, Quebec City and Lou R. Ronson, Toronto. Treasurer will be Leo Perkell, Toronto.

Entry into Red Cross is sought by Israel

NEW YORK [JTA] —

Israel is expecting a "positive movement" on its request that the Red Magen David Society in Israel be admitted into the League of Red Cross Societies when the issue comes up next April at the diplomatic conference on Reaffirmation of Humanitarian Law in Geneva.

This optimistic outlook was outlined by Ambassador Shabtai Rosenne, special advisor to the executive committee of the Red Magen David Society in Israel, who has just completed a three-week visit in the United States as part of the Society's efforts to obtain admission into the League. Rosenne, a veteran Israeli diplomat, was assisted here by the newly formed committee, "Operation Recognition," which is co-chaired by Senators Jacob K. Javits (R.NY.) and Abraham Ribicoff (D. Conn.), and Rabbi Rubin R. Dobin of New York.

"I found a great deal of sympathy of Washington's official circles and among officials of the American Red Cross, on Israel's request that the Red Magen David emblem be recognized as the distinctive emblem of Israel's medical services, military and civilian," Rosenne told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in an interview.

Lubavitch rebbe honored

BROOKLYN, N.Y. —

A large group of Canadians, over 50 in number, flew to Brooklyn, New York, to hear the Lubavitch Rebbe, Menachen M. Schneerson, speak. It was the occasion of the 177th anniversary of the release from a Russia prison of the Alter Rebbe Shneur Zalman, the founder of the Lubavitch movement. His liberation allowed the rebbe to continue his work and teaching. The 50 Torontonians were treated to a special dinner, where Rabbi S. Butman spoke about the rebbe's work and his personal life.

The highlight of the rebbe's speech was a call to 20 newly-married couples to settle partly in Safed and partly in the Old City of Jerusalem, in order to show the world that Israel and Jerusalem is G—d given and must be kept for all Jews. The rebbe also spoke of how each Jew should involve himself in yiddishkeit.

Diaspora leaders call for unity

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Delegate Clara Balinsky echoed Granovsky's concern. "Not enough time was devoted," she commented, "to exploring new ideas."

Although she was displeased with inconclusive proposals, she was, nevertheless, convinced the conference was valuable in fusing Diaspora and Israeli elements.

"This is the time for the Zionist family to take a strong stand," she asserted. "We must not allow the world to divide us — to divide Jews from Judaism and Jews from Zionism. There can be no dichotomy."

CZF President Phil Givens disagreed with the criticisms levelled against the conference planners. The world assembly, he said, was more than a public relations campaign and Israelis were receptive to ideas introduced by the Diaspora leaders.

"There was more spontaneous spirit, enthusiasm and effusiveness at this conference than there has been in a long time," he commented. The limited size of the delegation, as compared to previous conventions, allowed a candor and frankness to be exhibited, and encouraged the discussion of contentious issues, he added.

"Instead of fencing around with niceties the Israelis knew the people were trustworthy and that what they said could be taken at face value," noted the Liberal MPP.

The conference was strong on rhetoric, several of the delegates noted and placed emphasis on a group of resolutions adopted in the plenary sessions which received overwhelming support.

Leaders from 27 countries signed a declaration affirming the "inalienable, historic right of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel" and rejected UN resolutions which "impugn the right of our people to national independence."

In a display of solidarity, the representatives of the major Diaspora communities resolved that "in the face of the campaign of baseless slander and calumny, we shall intensify our efforts to deepen the unbreakable bond of the Jewish people with its spiritual heritage and its historic homeland."

Addressing two of the conferences four plenary sessions, Rabin affirmed his government's stance on the PLO and the infeasibility of a third Palestinian state, while insisting Israel will not retreat to the pre-1967 boundaries.

He was applauded when he said the Israeli government would oppose the establishment of a Palestinian state between Jordan and Israel. The government's position has been that Jordan, which has a Palestinian majority, is the Palestinian national homeland.

Israel, Rabin asserted, would boycott any international political conference to which the PLO are invited and will reject any imposed solution. Israel could not expect to find justice in the General Assembly for the foreseeable future, he added. "We have to undermine the moral right of this organization to pass judgment on us."

Acting chairman of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization, Leon Dulzin, told the world Jewish leadership assembled in the Knesset's Chagal Hall that "without greatly increased aliyah there can be no security for Israel; no future no Israel."

Education programs for Jewish youth must be bolstered, he argued, or Jewish identification and survival will seriously be threatened.

And he appeared to draw the overriding conclusion to the solidarity conference when he urged the primacy of "an agonizing reappraisal of all structures, strategies and approaches."

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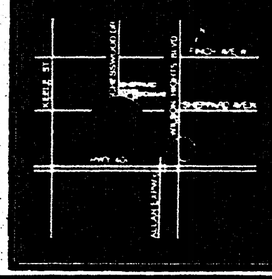

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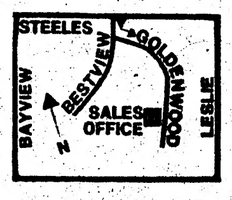

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By MOURA WOLFERT
Hamilton Correspondent

HAMILTON — Sam Smurlick, president of the Hamilton Jewish Home for the Aged, has announced that Marvin Goldblatt, Frank Levy and Chester Waxman have agreed to serve as co-chairmen of the building fund campaign.

"I hope that this will provide much impetus for the campaign and will result in a successful conclusion of the $1.5 million fund drive," says Smurlick. He hopes the drive will be concluded by the end of the year.

City council recently approved the sale of land at the proposed York and Hess Streets site at a nominal sum but final approval still rests with the provincial and federal governments.

Response to the campaign has been very favorable, reports Smurlick, even though the mail strike has caused considerable inconvenience. "We just have to go out ourselves and deliver brochures by hand," he says gratefully acknowledging assistance from many willing helpers.

Samuel Soifer, executive director of the Hamilton Jewish Federation, hopes the campaign brochure, together with other material, will be delivered to every Jewish home in the area this week.

Arts

'Absorbing study' of kibbutz women

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Women In The Kibbutz
By Lionel Tiger & Joseph Shepher, Longmans of Canada, $10.95

This absorbing study is the first extensive examination of the role of women in the kibbutz. Two eminent sociologists ask questions such as these: What happens to women who entrust their children's care to communal nurseries from infancy? What happens to women who are supported not by their husbands but by the collective to which they belong? To women who are drafted into military service, wear uniforms, and carry rifles? To women whose food is cooked in communal kitchens and whose clothing is cleaned in collective laundries? What happens to girls who are taken away from their mothers? In other words, what happens to women of the kibbutz and to their husbands and children?

Two hundred and fifty pages later — after much data based on the lives of 34,000 kibbutz dwellers, numerous graphs and interviews, and elaborate computerized data — Lionel Tiger and Joseph Shepher arrive at the following basic conclusion. Despite their evident emancipation and the unusual supportive facilities in the kibbutz for socialization and freedom, the overwhelming majority of women are anxious to "devote more time and energy to private maternal activities rather than to economic and political public ones. Obviously these women have minds of their own; despite obstacles, they are trying to accomplish what women elsewhere have been periodically urged to reject by critics of traditional female roles."

Other surprising findings of the study are that the higher the authority of an office or committee, the lower the percentage of women involved; even the Yom Kippur War did not substantially change the division and labor in the kibbutzim where women continued overwhelmingly in their mothering and nurturing roles. Women seem to have special problems sustaining all female work groups — they usually prefer mixed-sex groups or male leadership; from the ninth grade on, women consistently fall below men in scholarly achievements, and the family has risen from its initial shadowy existence to become the basic unit of the kibbutz social structure.

The authors realize that their findings about sex, gender, nature and power will be controversial and in some quarters unpopular.

The material in this ground-breaking volume is pertinent and fascinating. However, it bristles with graphs and figures, and will be of special interest to students of sociology, the kibbutz movement, and feminism.

This is one of enamel works by Natalie Silverstein on exhibit at Merton Gallery.

Touch of nostalgia and romance pervade Silverstein's enamels

art

By JULIANA BORSA

Throughout December the Merton Gallery has a broad exhibition of jewelry, glass and ceramics by different artists. Distinctive among those represented is the work of Natalie Silverstein, a craftsman in the use of enamel. Work in enamel is usually considered mere coffee-table decoration, but Miss Silverstein makes inventive use of the technique.

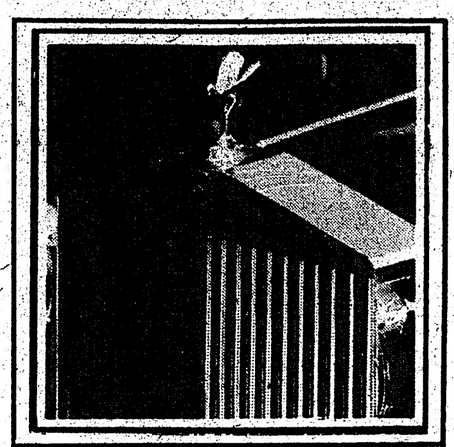
A touch of nostalgia, romance and sense of humor pervade her enamel productions. She fills the surface of plates, cigarette boxes and plaques with 1930s style pictures of movie idols, romantic couples and sophisticated ladies in cliche moments. The glossy black and white surfaces recall films, and those nostalgic moments from movies: **Clark Gable and friend, Jeanette and Nelson, Fred and Ginger.** This last piece is especially clever, creating as it does the impression of distance between the cut-out silhouette of the dancing couple in front of the frame, and their background, removed in a concave surface behind.

In another series, she takes the old three-cent postage stamps as the subject of her designs: **Newspaper boys of America, R.R. Engineers, Women in our armed services** and uses them in nostalgic reminder of the patriotic propaganda of the Depression era. Deliberately set out of context, they become ironic comments, as amusing as the parodies she does of the 1930s simplistic view of romance.

Her ladies are invariably well-groomed, plump, reclining on sofas, standing in front of curved staircases. At times, they are satirically juxtaposed to classical figures, caricatures of themselves. In one piece, the elements are pared down to painted lips, a slickly manicured hand bearing a cigarette holder. In this concise state, it epitomizes an age, and evokes the atmosphere.

Miss Silverstein's technique is painstaking and time-consuming. She fires the black surface of the object, and then gradually paints on the white, baking in stages until she achieves the desired contrast and precise lines. Occasionally she introduced some pale color, but this is reserved almost exclusively for background and decorative effect. By placing within the same enamel object different patterns, she gets subtle contrasts and the lines of the frame echo the work itself.

Although originally a native of Buffalo, Miss Silverstein studied at Ann Arbor, Mich. and then returned to her home town to refine her craft. Since 1972, however, she has lived and worked in Toronto, and has had frequent showings at the Merton Gallery.



London plays fascinating

By LYNN SLOTKIN
(Second of two parts)

LONDON — Joe Orton's **Entertaining Mr. Sloane,** was a typical Orton black comedy, full of sexual innuendo, violence and farce. The goings-on could get a bit tedious, but the cast was too good to let that happen. Beryl Reid as Kath made a middle aged woman acting like a silly, giddy teenager, totally credible. Kenneth Cranham was a smooth-talking, charming Sloane.

Travesties by Tom Stoppard and performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company, was one of the most ingenious plays I saw. How to describe it well, how do you describe fruitcake? Stoppard has imagined a situation in which Tristan Tzara, the dada artist, James Joyce and Lenin meet and has this against a subplot along the lines of **The Importance of Being Earnest.** As I said, fruitcake.

The pace set by director Peter Wood was almost frantic. Stoppard has packed every second with wit and intelligence. The cast was wonderful especially Tim Curry as Tzara, and John Wood as Joyce proved again (He was in **Sherlock Holmes** last year) that he is a master at characterization.

The high I experienced after this show was short-lived, because the plays I saw after this can only be described as awful.

The Marrying of Ann Leete proved that the illustrious Royal Shakespeare Company can make mistakes by presenting something as awful and unworkable as this dud by Harley Granville-Barker, and casting someone as uninspiring and untalented as Mia Farrow in the lead. Ugh!

Murder At The Vicarage by Agatha Christie again that the lady writes lousy plays; successful, but lousy. Her dialogue is stilted and her characters cardboard; and there comes a time in each of her plays when you don't care anymore who did it as long as he/she gets found out fast so you can leave.

Israel Piano Trio is proficient

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By RICK KARDONNE

As a composite musical unit, the Israel Piano Trio is highly proficient: a remarkably disciplined unit consisting of violinist Menachem Breuer, pianist Alexander Volkov and cellist Zvi Harell who are all superb individual musicians, yet as a trio completely subordinate their own individual skills in favor of the total sound.

However, in order for this ultimate ensemble ability to provide sufficient excitement, it is imperative that they perform material which possesses enough dramatic flair so that the music itself, rather than the interpretation, sustains the audience attention. More subtle or dull selections will, devoid of solo shtick, sound the way they objectively sound: dull. Their Toronto concert at the St. Lawrence Centre Nov. 27 illustrated this fact.

Thus, it was no surprise that the most thrilling part of the entire evening should be the encore: an unannounced but familiar Ravel trio whose exciting open-fifth chords were made especially dynamic by Breuer's bold bowing approach, Volkov's decisive sharp piano chords and Harell's more subtle but equally definitive counterpoint. Ravel's counterpoint allows for fire and drama initiative from all three instruments: none takes a back-seat accompaniment role here. Thus, the Israel Piano Trio here was the ideal group. This decisive approach was blended with remarkable sensual sensitivity in the Trio's rendition of Brahms' **Trio in C Major,** whose finale contains one of Brahms'' most distinctive fast melody lines, ably counterbalanced by Volkov's flawless, emotionally mature, fast piano configurations.

But Felix Mendelssohn's more subtle **Trio in D Minor** requires a more individualistically dominating violinist in order to create a definitive imprint. Such a role would have been out of place here given the ensemble's all-guiding principle of instrumental equilibrium. Hence, this rendition, lacking the necessary free emotional fire independent of the composite frame of mind, failed to sustain alert audience attention for the piece's half-hour length. Only the Scherzo had even a faint semblance of free spirit, and here too, composite discipline took precedence over natural emotion.

The Israeli aspect of the program, Andre Spirea's **Trio in One Movement,** was written especially for this group, and, to their credit, the group did all which was possible in trying to infuse strong feelings into this six-section piece. But anybody familiar with early Stravinsky and Bartok would have immediately recognized the fact that this piece really is a contrived compilation of chord and standard melodic progressions from that style, without any sustaining originality. Hence, boredom.

The outstanding musicianship of all three members of the Israel Piano Trio can never be underemphasized, and I hope to hear them soon again in Toronto; this time, performing material more suited to their obvious skills as a composite unit.

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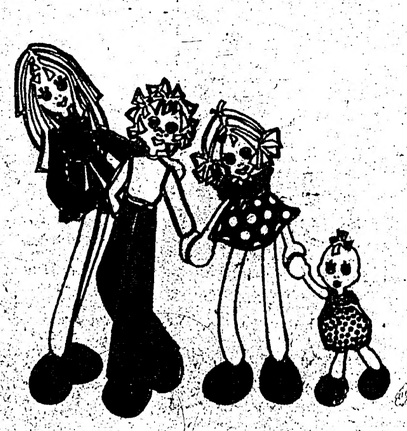

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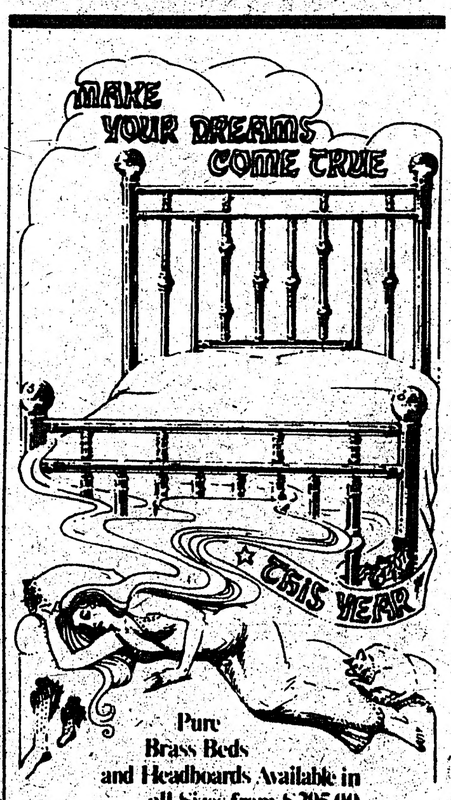

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